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About McKendree University

Established in 1828 by pioneer Methodists, McKendree is the oldest college in Illinois, and the oldest in the nation with continuous ties to the United Methodist Church. First called "Lebanon Seminary," the school opened in two rented sheds for 72 students. In 1830, Bishop William McKendree, the first American-born bishop of the Methodist church, permitted the Board of Trustees to change the institution's name to McKendree. Later Bishop McKendree deeded 480 acres of rich land in Shiloh Valley, Illinois, to help support the College.

McKendree's students have included many who became pioneers in industry and business, who became senators and governors and career public servants, who became distinguished military leaders, and who filled pulpits and teaching appointments across the land. In July 2007 McKendree College officially became McKendree University, making it Illinois's oldest college and newest university. McKendree is home to both undergraduate and graduate students in four Masters Programs: Education, Nursing, Professional Counseling, and Business Administration.

The mission of McKendree University is to provide a high quality educational experience to outstanding students. McKendree guides its students in the pursuit of academic excellence which will prepare them for leadership roles in society. To achieve this end, McKendree's faculty and staff encourage broader vision, enriched purpose, engagement with community, commitment to responsible citizenship, openness to new ideas and dedication to lifelong learning. In keeping with its history and traditions, McKendree provides its students with a rigorous, broadly based liberal arts curricula joined with specialization in a specific discipline.

Highlights

Celebrations bring people together. McKendree has annual events to which the campus community looks forward to each fall and spring semester. The special events usher in new students, send off graduates into the world; and welcome returning alumni and guests. Regardless of his or her direction, each person on campus makes an impact on McKendree, and McKendree makes an impact on each person whether that person is an incoming student, a returning alumnus; or a distinguished speaker. A breath of excitement and sense of community fills the air for each of these events-- they are a time for making memories and connections. We celebrate the past and present as we look toward the future. Though it is difficult to know everyone on campus, it is easy to share the common Bearcat bond and McKendree spirit that sweeps through the campus.

Greetings, Bearcats!

You might be thinking: Why a picture of that one round building in the middle of campus? Well, that's a good question. I chose to use a photograph of Pearson's Hall (that round building) as the focal point of this welcome spread for a variety of reasons. Before the reasons, though, let's discuss a bit of history.

Way back before the Hett, before PAC, and before Ames, Pearsons Hall served as McKendree College's cafeteria, with dormitory halls on either side. (Not Barnett, Baker, or Walton!) Did you know that Carnegie and Clark Halls used to serve as McKendree's dorms? Upon building a new cafeteria and new dorms, upper Pearons Hall was converted into an open location for meetings and small events; the lower level housed the college bookstore. The 2008-2009 academic year brought many changes to Pearsons Hall yet again. Upper Pearsons, still equipped with a kitchen, was converted into a new cafe, "1828", named for McKendree's inaugural year as a college. Lower Pearsons now holds office space for active registered student organizations, providing a place for members of a group to come together and work with other RSOs in a more efficient manner.

Inside Pearsons, you can find food, friends, and fellowship as students work... work-study jobs, work on homework, work to create more opportunitues for invovlement, work together, work toward group and individual goals. Pearsons was, is, and likely will always be a gathering place. McKendree, too, is a gathering place- a meeting of minds and hearts, and opportunty to expand ideas, abilities, involvement, and friendships. It just gets sweeter with time.

McKendree has expanded in size and scope in its 181 years as an institue of higher education. Though changes have been made and students come and go, the important thing to remember is that the goals of McKendree remain the same. Pearsons, too, has gone through changes that mimic the evolution of McKendree from then to now. Interestingly, Pearsons Hall looks almost exactly as it did when it was first built. The changes, for the most part, have been internal. Remember that a change is not always visible from the outside; oftentimes, some of the best changes come from within.

I challenge you, reader, to find how McKendree has changed you. Have you done anything to change McKendree? How are you connected to McKendree? What will you take with you, and what will you leave behind? As you page through this annual, take the chance to make the connection.

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New Students, New Opportunities....

Class of 2012 during New Student Orientation

And thus it begins.
Senior Rick Fagan leads the procession of faculty into the convocation ceremony to officially start the year.

Welcome to McKendree!
Junior Heath Bryan checks a first-year student into her room.

Let me do it, Mom!
First year students settle into their new rooms as nervous parents want to help.

New Student orientation is designed to help students transition from high school life to life at McKendree. Through various activities such as group ice breakers, the playfair, community service, and the summer reading book discussion, students make lasting friendships, learn about McKendree, and become more familiar with the campus.

Good-bye luncheon.
Students shared lunch with their families before saying goodbye.

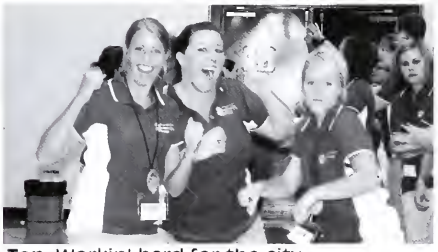
New Student Orientation

Endless Possibilities

Christmas in August?
Senior Rebecca Lindstrom paints a character cut-out for use in Lebanon's Christmas light display in Horner Park.

Making friends with neighbors.
Community members thank McKendree students for their help cleaning up a yard.

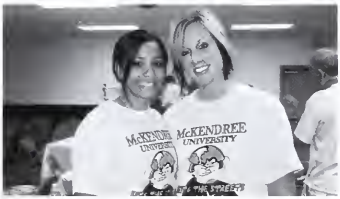
What's going on?
First year students participate in a team-building playfair activity during NSO.



Top: Workin' hard for the city.
First-year student Kayla Fowler works dilegently on her "Into The Streets" project.

Center: Hang on tight!
First year students are hypnotized to think they are on a roller coaster during the playfair.

Bottom: We are here to pump... you... UP!
Seniors Jenny Mennerick, Emily Cavilsky and Erin Thoman are excited to be leading NSO groups.



Top: Kum Ba Yah!
Students meet with thier groups to discuss the day's activities.

Center: Gettin' down with their bad self.
First year students get their boogey on at the play fair during NSO.

Bottom: Making a difference.
Seniors Aisha Vintes and Casie Arentsen, set a positive example for incoming students.

Senior Farewell Service

A new tradition bidding goodbye to graduating seniors

On the eve of graduation, seniors and their families gathered in the Hettenhausen Center for the Arts to hear messages from faculty, staff, and students at the Senior Farewell Service which began commencement weekend celebrations. The choir participated in this program, which focused around the aspect of service, and members of the Senior Class Gift Committee presented the gift from the graduating class of 2009. A slideshow of photos from the past four years concluded the event.

Food for thought...
Reverend Tim Harrison, McKendree's Chaplain, poses with Reverend Sara L. Isbell. Harrison opened the Senior Farewell Service with a welcome and prayer, and Isbell delivered a speech entitled, "Letters of Recommendation."

Presentation of the Senior Class Gift
Senior Sami Leonard represents the Senior Class Gift Committee as she presents a monetary donation from the Class to 2009 to McKendree University's Annual Fund totaling nearly $3,500.

Scripture reading.
Senior Gail Smith, a Bothwell Scholar, reads from Psalm 66 after the opening prayer of the Senior Farewell Service. Smith also sang in the Concert Choir at the service.

Special thanks.
Seniors Becky Lindstrom and Jeremy Alexander give thanks to McKendree faculty and staff along with a general thank you to the friends and families of the graduating seniors for their love and support.

Graduation Celebration Dinner

Friends and famiy dine with soon-to-be graduates

Seniors and their guests were able to sit back and relax for one final meal at McKendree. The Graduation Celebration Dinner was held immediately following the Senior Farewell Service on the Circle Drive. Exquisite service was provided by McKendree University faculty, staff, alumni board members and university trustees and a local combo, including McKendree University Music Department faculty, provided entertainment for the evening.

A Family Affair
Senior and international student Kumud Bhandari stands alongside his father who traveled from Nepal for the commencement weekend festivities.

A Fountain Photo Op with Friends
Seniors Cari Adams, Sara Reinacher and Michelle Fohne smile in front of the fountain. Students and their guests could get free photos taken which printed immediately and served as great keepsakes from the event.

Tea, anyone?
Dr. Tami Eggleston keeps seniors and their guests hydrated with tea, water and punch.

Signature, please!
(Above) Seniors Lauren Hettenhausen (left) and Heather Belmonte (right) sign the Class of 2009 Banner.

Music sets the mood.
Light, upbeat jazz notes flowed through the circle drive as graduating seniors, family, friends, and others from the McKendree community reminisced and looked toward the future.

Unbeatable service.
As if the faculty and staff at McKendree had not done enough for the 2009 Senior Class, individuals volunteered as servers at the graduation celebration dinner.

Delectible desserts!
Seniors and their guests enjoyed a variety of graduation-themed desserts, including a massive cap and tassel five-layer cake.

169th Commencement

Commencement marked the end of one chapter and beginning of another for new 2009 graduates. McKendree University conferred 857 degrees upon one of the largest graduating classes in its 181-year history during the 169th commencement exercises on Saturday, May 9, held on the front lawn of the Lebanon, IL. campus. This year's ceremony also marked the 150th anniversary of the first ringing of the historic Bothwell Chapel bell.

"We think we've prepared you to do well and to do good," said Dr. James M. Dennis, University president. In his closing remarks, he challenged the new graduates "to reach out to others, help someone, make a difference, do the right thing. I know you will do well; I challenge you to do good!"

McKendree conferred 856 degrees total: 321 masters degrees, 532 bachelors degrees and four associates degrees. Four students earned two degrees. One-hundred-sixty-two graduated with honors: 33 summa cum laude, 70 magna cum laude and 59 cum laude. The event recognized graduates who completed their degree requirements in August and December 2008 and May 2009.

Students from six countries and 20 states made up the Class of 2009 and females outnumber males two-to-one. This year's youngest graduate was 20; the oldest was 60. They were part of the largest student body in school history and experienced several milestones, notably McKendree's transition from a college to a university in 2007. Many gathered during new student orientation in August 2008 to form the world's largest "U" in the circle drive around the fountain. They witnessed the opening of the Russel E. and Fern M. Hettenhausen Center for the Arts in 2006, and new facilities including the 1828 café-lounge and a larger bookstore in 2008.

At the graduation ceremony Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees, the university's highest honor, were bestowed upon three individuals: State Senator Frank C. Watson (R-51st District) of Greenville, IL; U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello (D-Illinois 12th District) of Belleville, IL; and the Rev. Ralph Totten of Woodlawn, IL a 26-year member of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Alan Alewine, associate professor of mathematics, received the William Norman Grandy Faculty Award, an honor given annually by the Alumni Association to one outstanding faculty member recommended by students, faculty and staff. The award recognizes personal commitment to students, the ideals promoted by McKendree, and community participation. It is named in honor of Dr. Grandy, who served from 1952 to 1968 as professor of philosophy and religion, dean of students, academic dean and interim president. Lauren Hettenhausen received the Technos International College Award, given each year to a senior who has demonstrated leadership, outstanding academic achievement and a commitment to promoting international understanding. The award is sponsored by the Tanaka Ikueikai Educational Trust. C. Lawrence Meggs 63, a trustee and Alumni Association president, welcomed the new graduates into the university's alumni organization.

Movin' on up!
Sami Leonard and Michele Erschen, Director of Communications pose for one last photoas student workder and supervisor

This calls for a wee bit of merriment.
The traditional bagpiper leading the processional

All in the family.
First-year student Doug Mennerick (Left) and brother, Greg '07 (Right) join sister, Jenny on her graduation.

A shoulder to lean on.
Good friends Jeremy Alexander and Amelia Wolford

Saturday, May 9, 2009

Congratulations!
President Dennis hands Erin Thoman her diploma.

McKendree Families
(Above) Jerry Thomas, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, congratulates his daughter, Christine Thomas, a McKendree admission counselor, on the completion of her Masters degree.
(Below) Pam Chambers, an employee of McKendree, and her son Andrew Chambers celebrate their Bachelors degrees together.

One final task.
Gradutes lined up in alphabetical order by school (above) then processed into the Commencement ceremony to "Pomp and Circumstance" (below).

Another stage...
Graduates walked across the McKendree stage as they received their diplomas and were congratulated by University staff members; commencement marked the end of this "stage" of life and marked the beginning of a new chapter.

All smiles.
Megan Myrick is a proud member of the Class of 2009!

Academic regalia, galore!
Dr. Melissa Barfield-Works (left) and Dr. James Cook (right) congratulate Dr. J. Alan Alewine (center), who received the William Norman Grandy Faculty Award.

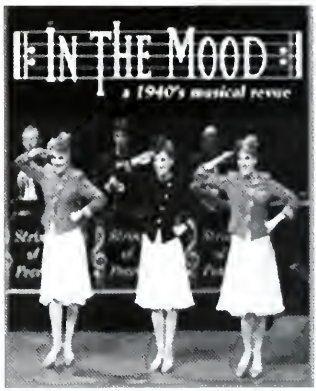
Spotlight Series

The Hett Presents...

Since the grand opening of the Hett in 2006, McKendree's Spotlight Series each year has been a huge success as it brings in acts from all genres of art. This year McKendree and its surrounding community welcomed a wide variety of performances ranging from groups like The New Shanghai Circus to distinguished speakers like Dr. Eboo Patel, founder of Interfaith Youth Core. Animal expert Jack Hanna brought a real, live bearcat on stage during his presentation!

Many of these events were sold out months in advance and several of the events were free of charge to students.

Come one and all, my animal friends!
Jack Hanna shows off some of his animal friends, and shares his fascinating and humorous stories.



Come swing with us!
String of Pearls Big Band Orchestra and a full cast of singers and dancers helped us reminisce during a sensational performance of 1940's music.

Bibi-di-bo-bop-wee-do!
Rising-star, Denise Thimes, dazzles us with her wonderful modern jazz vocal skills.

Rockin' the strings!
Quartet San Francisco honored American Composer Raymond Scott by performing several of his compositions.

Promoting tolerance.
Dr. Eboo Patel, founder of Interfaith Youth Core, shared his vision of building up understanging and respect between youth from all backgrounds and religions.

Dance!
Ailey II is one of the most popular dance companies in the world and shows us why it is known for merging the country's best young dance talent with outstanding emerging choreographers.

Brown Bag Series

Explore and grow one sack lunch at a time

Alternative Spring Break
Juniors Kaitlyne Motl, Stephanie Thomas, Katie Richter, Emily Yakey and Jeff Dillow and senior Josh Pullen discussed their Spring Break 2008 experience in Jamaica.

Local celebrities
Gabe Shapiro (center) welcomed K. Curtis Lyle, left and David A.N. Jackson, right, as presenters.

Let's kill the prince!
Junior Ben Simon and first-year student Chelsea Arnold plot to kill the prince in a scene from the Spring production "The Love of Three Oranges".

A full house
McKendree students, faculty, and staff gather during their lunch breaks for a Brown Bag presentation.

Video gaming guru
Bob Gill discussed career opportunities in the video game industry.

McKendree University hosted "Brown Bags" every Wednesday at noon. Brown Bags took place in PAC 222 and were intended to be a setting in which students, faculty and staff could bring their lunches and see a presentation. Each week, the Brown Bag boasted a different, interesting topic featuring presenters from within and outside of the McKendree community. Brown Bags gave participants the opportunity to share their personal experiences, views, and talents, and learn from those around them. The variety of topics offered something for everyone!

Technos

Annual Trip and Scholarship Award

Japan, here we are!
Sophomore Miranda Linneman, junior Sarah Monical and Dr. Peter Will post in Japan in June 2008.

What an experience!
Sarah and Miranda (center of photo) meet other Technos participants in the airport upon arrival in Tokyo.

Making friends
Miranda has already found a friend - or did he find her?

Technos Award
Lauren Hettenhausen received the Technos Award during Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 9, 2009. Lauren traveled to Japan on the Technos Trip in 2006.

Technos International Week was created by Dr. Kenji Tanaka, founder of the Tanaka Ikueikai Educational Trust, to strengthen the ties between the United States and Japan. Since 1990 the University has been active in creating international ties with Technos International College, Tokyo, Japan, of which Dr. Kenji Tanaka is past-chairman. Each year, since 1992, McKendree and the Tanaka Foundation have worked together to select students and a McKendree professor to participate in a two week educational and cultural exchange with the Technos International College. Students and faculty from other universities in the United States as well as from one of Oxford's colleges in England and a college from Auckland, New Zealand also participate in this annual trip. In order to be selected for the trip, McKendree students must be a first-year student or sophomore, be nominated by a professor, write an essay, and participate in an interview.

The Technos Award is given annually to one graduating senior at the Commencement ceremony who demonstrated outstanding leadership, academics, involvement, and commitment to international understanding while at McKendree.

Student Life

The students at McKendree University breathe new life into the campus each year. During their time at McKendree, students are more than academics, volunteers, and members of organizations. McKendree students know how to have a good time! From Homecoming weekend to Spring Fling, the fall and spring semesters are filled with good times. These opportunities help students kick back and relax as they connect with others on campus. Some students find their homes in the dorms while others experience international travel. All of these opportunities help students learn and grow as they make connections with those around them outside of the classroom.

Fall Family Weekend

Staying connected with family and friends

Sing it man!
This student sings karaoke in the lair during McKendree family Idol.

McKendree University understands the importance of staying connected with family. Therefore, the university welcomed family and friends to celebrate the annual Fall Family Weekend held September 12-14, 2008. There were tons of fun activities for the family to enjoy throughout the weekend including entertainment by the very talented ventriloquist Lynn Trefzger, family karaoke, crazy inflatable mazes, and an assortment of fun carnival activities held in the intramural gymnasium. Families also enjoyed the fifth annual tailgate party, where McKendree hosted Chili Jam, a chili cook-off contest. After the tailgate party, the first night football game in over 80 years was played. McKendree played Marian College in an exciting game, but unfortunately the Bearcats lost 28-21.

One talented lady.
Lynn Trefzger and all of her friends performed for McKendree September 12, 2008.

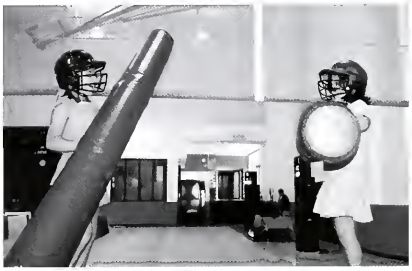
Cheese!
Holly Karner and sister Kate Karner smile for a quick pic before the ventriloquist show.

Say a little prayer.
Mindy Kamp molds praying hands.

Oh, say can you see!
McKendree cheerleaders proudly display the American flag as they help the Bearcat Marcing Band and Dance Team kick off the Fall Family Weekend football game.

Gettin' her hands dirty.
Even the youngest siblings got in on the fun.

Ready...set... fight!
Fall Family weeklend provided many interactive opportunities for fun, such as inflatabled boxing.



Pouring over her artwork.
This young girl creates sand art by filling a bottle with colorful layers of sand.

Fall Play
Who done it?

Musically motivated?
The cast from the fall play, "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940", tries to look innocent. From left to right: Tina Edwards, Ben Simon, Dennis Bisto, Kristen Eckstadt, Libby Mowers, Paul Kruta, Danny Kupferer, Emily Thoman, Michael Hues, Katie Kee.

Behind the scenes.
The stage crew peeks out from behind the revolving bookcase for a photo. From top to bottom: Edward Gillman, Katherine Porter, Mary Beth Thiel, Alissa Miley, Kamara Owens, Mari Danielle Larson

Cheers!
Far Left: Emily Thoman leans on the piano and gives the camera a mysterious stare.

Caught with your pants down?
Junior Tina Edwards, playing a German maid, catches sophomore Danny Kupferer, playing an Irish tenor, in an embarrassing situation!

Love at first sight!
Junior Kristen Eckstadt, playing a dancer, and senior Dennis Bisto, playing a struggling comedian, share a "moment" sitting at the piano.

Murder!!
Dramtic lyricist Berneice Roth, played by Emily Thoman, and flamboyant composer Roger Hopewell, played by Paul Kruta, find a dead maid in the closet.

This year's fall play, *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, entertained a full auditorium in the Hett from October 30th to November 2nd with a riveting storyline: The Stage Door Slasher is on the loose, and New York City sergeant, Michael Kelly, has intentions of putting the maniac behind bars. The plan was to gather the same production crew, unbeknownst to most of them, that created the musical where the murderer first struck. Everyone was reunited on a horrible blizzarding night at the home of Elsa Von Grossenkneuten, wealthy daughter of a German intellegance expert, "to conduct a backers audition for a new musical". Things went terribly awry...

Homecoming

March along with us!

Struttin' their stuff!
The McKendree Marching Band does the Bearcat strut as they march through Lebanon, playing the McKendree fight song.

Bogey!!!
McKendree's mascot, Bogey the Bearcat, tosses candy to the masses lining the streets.

What a gracious king!
Jeremy Alexander, crowned homecoming king, reaches for more candy to throw to the kids in the crowd.

Every year McKendree's homecoming week is full of fun and wacky events such as baby bottle drinking contest, tricycle races, four-legged relay races, a tug of war, scavenger hunts, a chili cook off, a variety show, and many more. Each event gives students the opportunity to show their bearcat pride and earn points for their team. The team with the most points at the end of homecoming week wins the Spirit Title. This year Sigma Nu won the title and bragging rights.

The homecoming parade was held on Saturday, October 11, 2008. There were lots of festive floats decorated by various McKendree organizations, and the Bearcat Marching Band strutted their stuff proudly bellowing out McKendree's fight song.

Fratenity pride!
Danny Kupferer and Kat Porter ride on the Sigma Nu float dressed in their best to impress.

Oh, baby!
Kaitlyne Motl regresses back to her earlier childhood as she competes in the Baby Bottle Chugging Contest.

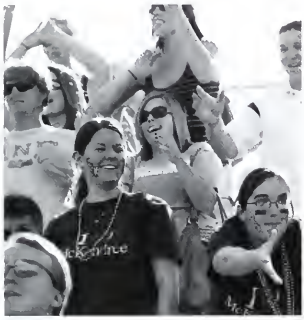
Bearcat nobility
Senior Amelia Wofford, homecoming court participant rides on the back of a convertible smiling at the parade-goers.

War... what is it good for?
Tug-O-War during the Bearcat games helped teams earn points toward winning the Bearcat Award.

Homecoming
Game & Events

Flag It!
The Dance Team shows their whirling and twirling abilities during the Homecoming Football Game Half-Time Show.

Moving the Ball
Corey Harris, Elton Weed, Steve Moravec, Bryan Edgar, and David Bergschneider form a line, and prepare to take away some yardage from Trinity.



On your feet!
A group of fans shows their support during the Homecoming football game. The stands were packed with sea of purple and white as students and Alumni gathered to root on the Bearcats!

Game of hoops anyone?
Father and daughter enjoy the basketball inflatable placed in the quad during homecoming festivities.

You up for the challenge?
One of the crowd's favorite inflatables during homecoming weekend was the obstical course. Participants race through inflated bars and tunnels and climb walls.

Homecoming Court
The 2008 Homecoming Court Candidates pause for a photo before the parade. They included junior Justin Titsworth, senior Becky Lindstrom, senior Jeremy Alexander, senior Amelia Wofford, junior Bridget Buckley, senior Sara Darnold, and junior Katie Richter.

Homecoming royalty.
Senior Jeremy Alexander and junior Katie Richter were crowed 2008 Homecoming King and Queen before the football game.

Homecoming
Dance

What a "thrilling" night!
Dancers bust a move to the classic "Thriller" by Michael Jackson. The Marching Bearcat Band also performed this song during a medley of Michael Jackson tunes at the half-time show of the Homecoming football game.

The Homecoming festivities came to a close Saturday, October 11, 2008 during the Homecoming Dance held at the Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, IL.

Dancing the night away!
Senior Adam Schwind and first-year student Chelsea Arnold having a good time "cuttin' a rug" on the dance floor.

Lovely Ladies
This group of students enjoy the "photo op" on the staircase to nowhere at the Regency Conference Center.

Silly throwbacks!
The homecoming dance presented the opportunity for party-goers to sport fashions from the past. Here alums, Christopher Dulaney, Curtis Stahl and Aaron Povolish and Senior Adam Schwind give a promiscuous pose for the camera.

Taking time to pose
Senior Mindy Kamp poses with Homecoming Queen Katie Richter.

Let It Snow

Winter weather wakes hibernating students

Reindeer Games
(Above) Students make use of the fresh white flakes with snowball fights and sledding on the quad. (Left) Others, like sophomore Mallory Neisler, simply bundle up and relax as they view the winter wonderland Jack Frost thrust upon McKendree's campus! (Below) When they see the sparkling campus grounds, students, faculty and staff can't help but feel warm inside even when McKendree's campus is covered in white!

Christmas "Angels"
The McKendree Center for Public Service sponsored "Angel Trees" throughout campus, containing the names and ages of underprivledged children in the area. Individuals or groups could choose names from the tree and purchased both fun and practical gifts to help make Christmas a litte bit brighter for these children.

Spring Play

The Love of Three Oranges

The Spring Play provided an evening of laughter and light-hearted fun with its presentation of ***The Love of Three Oranges*** at the Hettenhausen Center for the Arts. In this play by Hilary DePiano, based on an improvisational commedy scenario by Carlo Gozzi, the Kingdom of Hearts is in trouble. The crown prince and heir to the throne, Prince Tartaglia, is suffering from a dire illness--terminal hypochondria. His father, the king, will do anything to cure him. But Tartaglia isn't ill; hes being targeted by an evil witch, who will stop at nothing to get her revenge.

The show starred junior Mike Humes as Prince Tartaglia, junior Libby Mowers as the witch Fata Morgana, first-year students Brad Gebben as King Silvio and Chelsea Arnold as Princess Clarice, senior Dennis Bisto as the clown Truffaldino, junior Ben Simon as the scheming Leandro, and senior Mary Britton-Tiede as Fata's henchwoman Smeraldina.

Two out of three aint bad
Ali Miley and Tinah Edwards (two of the three oranges) make a play for Dennis Bisto.

Come with me
Michael Humes (left) and Dennis Bisto (right) each attempt to persuade Grace Fisher to go with them.

Cast and Crew
The entire cast and crew enjoyed the spring production of *The Love of Three Oranges*.

Founders' Day

McKendree's 181st Birthday

The campus celebrates Founders' Day 2009
University President Dr. Jim Dennis, Dr. Neil Quisenberry and several students joined in singing "Happy Birthday" in Ames Hall during lunch on February 20, 2009. Additional activities included a celebration during the Men's and Women's Basketball games on February 21 and inflatable games in the Intramural Gym.

Happy birthday to you
The Cheerleaders bring a giant cake to half-court to begin the festivities.

Looking for a place to park...
Dr. Tami Eggleston and Provost Dr. Chris Bahr relive their favorite childhood memories.

Around Campus

Spring has sprung at McKendree!

Top: Dr. DeWall's English class takes advantage of a nice spring day.

Right: There are a couple of perfect spots on campus to play frisbee.

Alternative Spring Break

A Mission Trip to Jamaica

During Spring Break 2009, the Cross Cultural Practicum class went to Jamaica to build homes. Students and faculty who participated include: Front row: Catherine Mallon, Sheree Davis, Vinette Maxwell (recipient) Dr. Neil Quisenberry and Hillary Hines. Middle row: Bridget Buckley, Meesheca Hickman, Emily Zitta, Stephanie Thomas, Dr. Brenda Boudreau and Audley Harrison (guide). Back row: Dr. Duane Olson, Jordan Hurd, Jerod Henderson, Brooke Ulrich and Jeff Dillow. The group is pictured in front of the home that they built for Vinette Maxwell.

Spring Fling

Activities, Animals, Artists, and Automobiles on the Quad

Spring Fling 2009 offered many opportunities for McKendree students, faculty and staff and community members to have fun on the Quad. CAB hosted its first annual Spring Fling Chalk the Circle Event and turned the Circle Drive into a blank canvas to fill! Also new to Spring Fling was the Dust Off Car Show featuring local area auto enthusiasts and their vehicles, and the Spring Fling Wing Thing, a competition between local restaurants to see who had the best chicken wings! Spring Fling featured activities and events, including: a caricature artist, inflatable entertainment, washer and bag games, community service project sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, games, music, and food! Participants could also sign up for the next American Red Cross Blood Drive, make their own ringtone, photo button, keychain, or magnet, and get their photos taken with McKendree University's own mascot, Bogey the Bearcat! Additionally, Spring Fling featured a petting zoo, a K9 demonstration from the Lebanon, IL Police Department, and a karate and defense demonstration from Members of Bushido Ryu, a student martial arts club at McKendree.

Dorm Life

'Cuz it's more than just a place to sleep

Residence Life strives to create an atmosphere of respect, friendship, and encouragement in the dorms and other campus housing. In addition to housing students on campus, the dorms provide unique opportunities to meet people, enjoy new things, and make lasting memories while at school. With programs to bring you out of your room, and best friends down the hall,

the dorms are more than just housing;

the dorms are

HOME.

A Semester Abroad

Expanding Horizons

Cicely Green

Sami Leonard

Dr. Haskins

Senior Sami Leonard and sophomore Cicely Green both took advantage of McKendree's young study abroad program and enjoyed a semester overseas. Green studied in London, England; she commented, "The most important thing I have learned from studying abroad is to simply live your life. Yes, I have become more cultural aware and able to survive on my own, which is of course greatly beneficial. But studying abroad and traveling helped me realize that we only live once, so we should enjoy life and never think twice about doing something that we desire...no matter what." Leonard studied in Paris, France. She stated, "I chose to study abroad because I am an International Relations major and I wanted to experience living in a different culture. Traveling is nice, but until you spend a good chunk of time living somewhere, you cant really know what that place is like. Living somewhere is about knowing where to find a grocery store, learning how to get around and experiencing all that a city has to offer the good, the bad and the just plain hard." During their time in Europe, both Green and Leonard had the opportunity to travel to other countries, including Poland and Ireland. With trips to ancient ruins and bustling cities in between classes kept them busy during the semester.

McKendree's Professor of Speech Communication, Dr. William Haskins, spent a semester in China teaching at Shenzhen University, north of Hong Kong in south east China. Dr. Haskins kept an online blog of his experience. In his final post, he wrote, "My time in China has been nothing short of amazing. My Chinese students have asked me what I will say if people want to know my impressions of China. I told them that I would say, 'China is beautiful and so are its people and culture.' I cannot find any better way to express my views of China."

Academics

One of the main reasons students embark on the college journey is to further their education. Students and faculty members submerse themselves in the world of adademia. Though majors, minors, and interests differ, we all share common ground in the persuit of knowledge... and usually a degree! We all showcase the same drive and similar goals. The college classroom opens our eyes to new views, new opportunities, and new friendships. Honor societies recognize those who pursue excellence in their field, connecting them with national and international organizations for adademics and professional development.

Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi Inductees 2008-2009

Juniors: Emily Anderson, Bridget Buckley, Stephanie Coartney, Thomas Dison, Emily Eilermann, Julie Frizzo, Catherine Gillham, Amanda Graham, Brittney Koerkenmeier, Hannah McDowell, Kaitlyne Motl, Susan Schmidt, Richard Shaver, Kelsey Straeter, Shari Thurnau, Nicole Wilhelm, Tiffany Wilhelm.

Seniors: Christopher Banks, Paula Blair, John Dahlhauser, Sabrina Dennison, Margaret Edwards, Janice Eveker, William Ferguson, Terri Foster, Alicia Hiller, Amber Jansen, Elizabeth Jeremiah, Melissa Johnson, Jennifer Lawson, Joseph Lofink, Samantha Marvel, Mallory Maschhoff, Christopher Miller, Melissa Peak,; Kaitlyn Richter, Brian Ross, Jamie Smith, Lynelle Smith, Sarah Smothers, Alison Thole, Erin Thoman.

Graduate Students: Fannie Acoff, Amy Boggs Catherine Chaplain, Connie Clendenin, Eric Dickerson, Cynthia Gavilsky, Michelle Gellhaus, Karen Gerstner, Barbara Harnist, Lori Hartman, Anjae Hatley, Tamara Hayden, Sharon Holland-Welge, Paula Hubbard, Tara Hurley, Kevin Kuerz, Lisa Lovett, Elizabeth McKeown, Katie Otey, Eric Owens, Mary Peranich, Stacie Porter, Jared Simmons, Denise Varel, Melody Wafler, Alvena Walker, Rachel Woods, Brian Zurek.

Alumni: Jeffrey Campbell, Jennifer Pickerell, Matthew Olmsted.

Faculty: Dr. Dawn Hankins. Staff: Dr. Christine Bahr, Dr. Joseph Cipfl, Rev. Bruce Harrison.

Future PKP Leadership

Junior Stephanie Courtney was selected as one of the Student Vice-Presidents for the incoming class of new PKP members.

The oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society, Phi Kappa Phi, heralded its sixth year at McKendree. The elite honor society was founded in 1897 at the University of Maine and has established the motto: Philosophía Krateíto Photôn, Let the Love of Learning Rule Humanity. To be invited into the honor society, Juniors must be ranked within the top 7.5 percent of their class and Seniors must be ranked among the top 10 percent. Students are invited to join Phi Kappa Phi through a tapping ceremony conducted in the Spring semester. During the ceremony, faculty and staff enter classrooms dressed in their academic robes, and extend the invitation to each qualifying student. Chapter 292 of Phi Kappa Phi welcomed 77 new members: 17 juniors, 25 seniors, 28 graduate students, three alumni, one faculty member and three staff members on April 16, 2009.

Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi Inductees 2008-2009:

(Alphabetically)
Lora Blackwell
Jymeka Boyd
Joseph Cipfl III
Michelle Cook
Michelle Davis
Colleen Day
Kenneth Detmer
Jamie Dienell
Dr. Darryn Diuguid
Karen Dunn
Jacob Flick
Terri Foster
Julie Frizzo
Nicholas Fuhler
Katie Fullerton
Melissa Funk
Christina Gibson
Marcy Gibson
Donna Goetz
Cassandra Guyer
Cynthia Hasenstab
Anjae Hatley
Jessica Heiden
Erin Heitman
Roy Hickman
Patricia Holmes
Erica Huebner
Robin Kelso
Veronica Kirkpatrick
Nicole Kirk
Robert Kirk
Courtney Liening
Lorraine Linder
Lisa Lovett
Dennis Lybarger
John McGinley
Malinda McCalmont
Elizabeth McKeown
Ryan Meyer
Catherine Neuman
Amber Nikolauzyk
Jennifer Ohlemeier
Eric Pastrovich
Rebecca Rasmussen
Zachary Rhines
Lauren Roney
Sarah Ryan
Renee Ryterski
Jared Simmons
Lynelle Smith
Amanda Snyder
Ashley Stehl
Eric Stewart
Ruth Waeltz
Melody Wafler
Alvena Walker
Lori Waltman
Melissa Wessel
Joseph Wheeler
Tiffany Wilhelm
Christina Wolinski
Nikki Worms
Emily Zanfes

Kappa Delta Pi is an International Education Honor Society founded in 1911 and established at McKendree in 1997. It honors the top 10 percent of students entering the field of education along with award-winning and outstanding educators. McKendree's Chi Mu Chapter inducted 63 new members on Friday, April 17, 2009. The society inducts only those individuals who exhibit the ideals of scholarship, integrity of service, and commitment to excellence in teaching and allied professions. Founded in 1911 at the University of Illinois, Kappa Delta Pi is the largest honor society in education, representing 572 chapters and more than 45,000 active members.

Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta is an International English Honor Society founded in 1924. Its purpose over the years has been to recognize high achievement in the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. The requirements for Sigma Tau Delta members are to maintain a "B" or equivalent average and to be in the top 35 percent of their class. McKendree's Iota Delta chapter of Sigma Tau Delta inducted nine new members on May 1, 2009. The officers for 2008-2009 were President Heather Belmonte, Vice-President Lauren Jones, Treasurer Stephanie Coartney, and Secretary/Historian Lauren Hettenhausen.

Sigma Tau Delta Members and Inductees 2008-2009:
Front row: Lauren Jones, Stephanie Coartney, Heather Belmonte, Lauren Hettenhausen. Middle row: Bobbie Carroll, Emily Anderson. Back row: Bethany Hinkle, Benjamin Simon, Libby Mowers, Katherine Porter, Dr. Nichole DeWall, Becky Rasmussen, Monica Jeffers, Dr. John Greenfield, Dr. Brenda Boudreau, Kendra Sigafoos.

Alpha Psi Omega

McKENDREE
Theater
DEPARTMENT

McKendree's Alpha Theta Chapter is one of the oldest active chapters of the Alpha Psi Omega Theater Honor Society. The group was officially founded in 1925. To become a member of Alpha Psi Omega, candidates must earn points by being part of the cast or crew for McKendree productions. Once the candidates reach a certain number they are invited to join and become members.

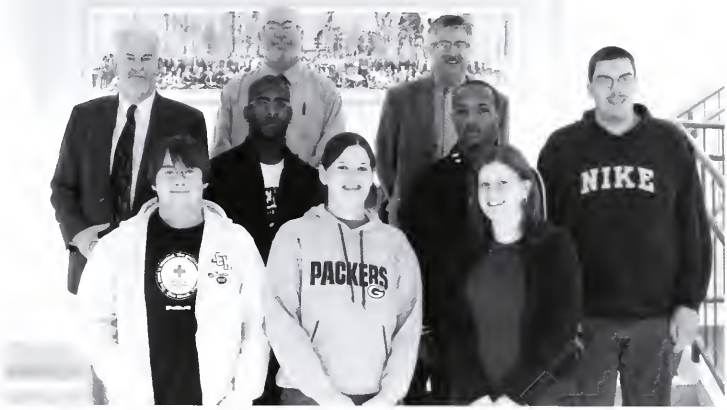
2009 Alpha Psi Omega
Front row: Kamara Owens, Kristen Eckstadt, Dennis Bisto, Tinah Edwards, Adam Schwind and Benjamin Simon. Back row: Emily Thoman, Kaitie Kee, Michael Humes, Libby Mowers, Mary Beth Thiel, Mary Britton-Tiede, Katherine Porter and Aija Gillman.

Membership has its privileges
Michael Humes, Dennis Bisto and Aija Gillman enjoy the benefits of being Alpha Psi Omega members.

Another great year
Mary Britton-Tiede and Kaitie Kee share fond memories from the past year's productions.

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda serves to bring business and education together in a working partnership. The organization seeks to prepare students for careers post-McKendree by bringing in speakers to share their experiences about starting a business or for future internship opportunities. The members attended state and national conferences including leadership workshops and competitions bringing home several awards from each conference. This year members participated in activities to raise money and awareness for the efforts of the March of Dimes, assembled fleece blankets for Catholic Charities of Belleville, worked a haunted trail ride, and hosted the Illinois Fall Seminar Series.



Phi Beta Lambda Members 2008-2009
Front row: James Murphy, Rebecca Lindstrom and Nicki Wilhelm. Middle row: Eli Smith, Julius Williams and Ryan Huelsmann. Back row: Dr. Peter Will, Dr. Dr. Rick Bonsall and Dr. Brian Parsons.

Sigma Beta Delta

Sigma Beta Delta Inductees 2008-2009
Front row: Dr. Rick Bonsall, Cari Adams, Braden Posey, Keri Rader, Judy Alvarez, Alison Thole, Amber Jackson, Aisha Vintes, Amy Dulaney, Shari Thurnau and Carrie Meyer. Middle row: Emily Eilermann, Nicki Wilhelm, Lisa Campbell, Sonya Barker, Susan Schmidt, Terri Jansen, Alicia Keher, Jamie Smith, Mollie Malone, Teresa Warfel, Terese Kasson and Dr. Frank Spreng. Back row: Dr. Peter Will, Matt Albertson, Blake Thole, Dennis Belke, Daniel Phalen, Beth Schomaker, Katie Lager, Kelsey Straeter, Brent Kalmer and Doug Warfel.

Sigma Beta Delta is the International Honor Society for Business and Administration. Induction is the highest recognition a business, management or administration student can achieve. The McKendree chapter was established in 1994 and was one of the first chapters in the nation. This year's induction included faculty and students from main campus, Louisville, Radcliff, the Scott AFB and AiM programs.

Psi Chi

Psi Chi's mission is to produce well-educated, ethical, and socially responsible members committed to the science and profession of psychology and to the society in general. The psychology honor society is open to juniors and seniors majoring in psychology with an overall GPA within the top 35 percent of their class and a psychology GPA of 3.0. By recognizing these students, the organization hopes to encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in scholarship.

Psi Chi Members 2008-2009
Alphabetically: Cari Adams, Michelle Bischoff, Dr. Murella Bosse, Belinda Clark, Janice Codispoti, Jacqueline Diggs, Lindsey Freeman, Liz Jeremiah, Dana Kamerman, Miranda Linneman, Carlos Marin, Matt McKendree, Michael Mendez, Christopher Miller, Patrick Rhein, Brooke Ulrich, Brittney Veath, Jennifer Williams, and Whitney Winter.

Sigma Zeta

Sigma Zeta Members 2008-2009
Front row: Ramona Puskar, Aimee Jackson and Gretchen Ulferts. Back row: Carrie Schumacher, Hugo Nieto, Kamara Owens and Jennifer Fletcher.

Sigma Zeta was founded in 1925 as a science and math honor society. Today it is a national honor society recognizing students within the majors of science, computer science, and mathematics. To be invited into Sigma Zeta, students must show exemplary work in their major by attaining a 3.0 GPA after completing 15 semester hours within their major. McKendree's Beta Chapter, which joined the organization in 1926, is proud to be one of the oldest chapters of Sigma Zeta.

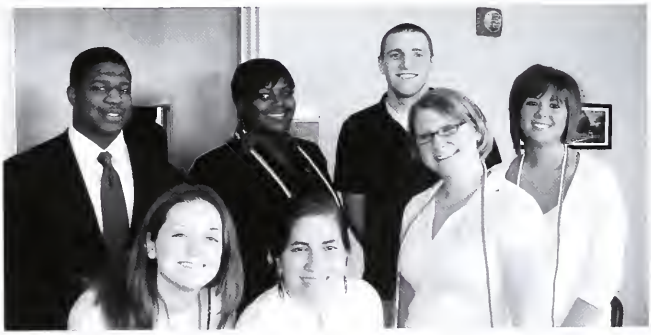
Kappa Kappa Psi

Kappa Kappa Psi is a service fraternity open to all band members. Founded in 1919 at Oklahoma State University, the mission of Kappa Kappa Psi has always been to promote the advancement of college and university bands through dedicated service and support. Membership is based on the idea that it is an honor to service and support ones own band, music department, and sponsoring institution. Belonging to Kappa Kappa Psi provides invaluable lessons and experiences in organization, leadership, and social contact.

Kappa Kappa Psi Members 2008-2009
Front row: Shannon Streif, Catie Neuman, Tonya Schartung and Ryan Sheldon. Back row: Stacie Banjavcic, Rebecca Freshour, Jonathan Rose, Jennifer Campbell and Ashley Walker.

Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta is the official Communications honor society of the National Communication Association founded in 1985. The organization is open to any interested individuals considered to be practitioners, educators, and/or students of communication. According to Lambda Pi Eta's official website, the honor society's main purpose is to promote the study, criticism, research, teaching, and application of artistic, humanistic, and scientific principles of communication.



Lambda Pi Eta Inductees 2008-2009
Front row: Theresa Schmidt, Deanne Puloka, Mary Britton and Jessica Wood. Back row: Larry Rusell, Amelia Wofford and Heath Bryan.

Honors Convocation

Recognizing outstanding students and faculty

An excellent educator.
Dr. Janet Wicker was presented the award for 2009 at the Honors Day Convocation. The award recognizes excellence in teaching, concern for students and colleagues, a commitment to values-centered education, service to students beyond the classroom, and service to students, institution, community or local church.

Division of Humanities
Dr. Nancy Ypma, Josh Pullen, Robby Campbell, Stephen Kissel.

Suggesting service
Dr. Brenda Boudreau, associate professor of English, delivered the keynote address, "The Rent We Pay to Be Living: The Obligation to Serve in the 21st Century."

McKendree University recognized outstanding students in each undergraduate major and announced two faculty awards at the Honors Day Convocation held April 17, 2009 at the Hettenhausen Center for the Arts. Dr. Christine Bahr, provost and dean, presided over the ceremony. She explained that the criteria used by full-time faculty members to select honorees conformed specifically to four major components of the university's mission statement: responsible citizenship, engagement, academic excellence and lifelong learning.

"These students have demonstrated responsibility for their learning. They have engaged actively in the life of the McKendree community beyond the classroom by participating in clubs, organizations, sports, music, events and projects. They have achieved academic excellence as reflected in a high GPA. And they have demonstrated potential for continuing to learn and to make valuable contributions to the world in the future," Bahr said.

Awards were given to the following students:

College of Arts and Sciences
Quinn Huber, computer science
Jeffrey Young, computer information systems
Eric Patmythes, computer science, Scott AFB campus

Division of Humanities
Stephen Kissel, Collinsville history
Rob Campbell, Trenton, music education
Joshua Pullen, Arcola, religion

Division of Language, Literature and Communications
Heather Belmonte, English-literature
Victoria Galle, speech communication
Casie Arentsen, organizational communication
Kristen Davis, English-secondary education
Mary Britton-Tiede, theater

Division of Science and Mathematics
Ramona Puskar, biology
Kumud Bhandari, mathematics
Sara Darnold, chemistry

Division of Social Sciences
Rebecca Lindstrom, political science
Samantha Leonard, international relations
Mallory Maschoff, sociology
Dana Maedge, psychology

School of Education
Lauren Hettenhausen, elementary education
Bethany Kowzan, elementary education

School of Business
Jacquelyn Busekrus, business administration
Cari Adams, marketing
Michelle Fohne, economics and finance
Jessica Ellsworth, management
Carrie Albers, accounting
Amber Jansen, Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award
David Hoag, Jr., Scott AFB campus
Karen Cimorelli, business administration, Scott AFB campus
Minda Roark Reed, accounting, Scott AFB campus
Jennifer Johnson, business administration, Accelerated Instruction at McKendree (AiM) program

School of Nursing and Health Professions
Division of Health Professions
Lucy Elliott, athletic training
Jesse Essenpreis, physical education
Katelyn Kombrink, health education
Kayla White, health and wellness

Division of Nursing
Sandra Arsenault, nursing
Karla Schutzenhofer, nursing

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
Elizabeth Dains, Chelsea Hettenhausen, Lauren Hettenhausen, Lindsay Newbold, Amber Nikolauzyk, Erin Thoman

Lincoln Laureate
Rebecca Lindstrom

Honors Program and Poster Presentations

Sharing in students' scholarship

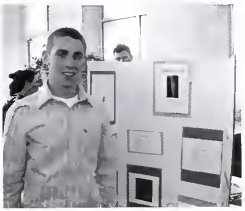
The McKendree Honors Program is comprised of two parts. The first part is an integrated, interdisciplinary series of courses organized around a broad theme. This year's graduating participants from the Honors Program successfully completed courses that combined literature and political science in terms of utopias and the connection between or divide among art and business along with other courses. The second part of this program is a thesis-based research activity or a creative product in the students major field completed during the junior and senior years. This study is completed under the supervision of a mentor, chosen by the student, and requires extensive research and a bibliography, outline, paper and presentation to the community.

(Above, Left) Seniors Jennifer Ohlmeier, Cari Adams, Lauren Hettenhausen, and Tom Edwards presented their Honors Theses on April 16, 2009. (Above, Right) Seniors Sami Leonard, Becky Lindstrom, Daniel van Natta, and Ramona Puskar presented their Honors Theses on April 21, 2009.

Tanner Wolk, Chelsea Workman and Jeremy Worden

Students in capstone classes within their degree often complete an extensive research paper or project and are given the opportunity to present these to the McKendree community through Poster Presentations, some of which are shown at left and below.

Katie Clopper and Clarissa Jennings



Brennan Donahue

Craig Zurliene

Kumud Bhandari

Chamber Choir

Excellence in song

2008-2009 Chamber Choir
Front row: Jared Winters, Zachary Rhines and Justin Titsworth. Second row: Leon Richardson and Marshall Jennings. Third row: Mary Beth Thiel, Erica Blair and Jamie Dare. Back row: Emily Thoman, Hannah McDowell and Kaitie Kee.

The chamber choir is an ensemble, directed by Dr. Phillip Wilhelm, smaller in size than the concert choir and open to singers by audition only. The 2008-2009 chamber choir consisted of six females and five male students including students who were pursuing majors and minors in music as well as students pursuing degrees in other areas. The chamber choir performed at concerts each semester singing a variety of repertoire and styles. This group also represented the university to the community as it performed at the Hett. One of the chamber choir's highlights was a madrigal concert, held in December 2008, in which members dressed in madrigal costumes and sang music representing the madrigal style. The chamber choir ended season with an Eric Whitacre piece using solo violin which was a big hit with audience members and performers alike. When asked what he liked most about directing the chamber choir, Dr. Wilhelm responded, "The group is small and personal. Students work really hard, and the payoff is always exciting."

Concert Choir

Let us Sing! Let us Sing!

McKendree Concert Choir 2008-2009
Sopranos: Jennifer Campbell, Bobbie Carroll, Jamie Dare, Tirzah Dawson, Jackie Diggs, Grace Fisher, Kaitie Kee, Charliza Luster, Arielle Michael, Gennie Strathman, Emily Thoman and Sophy Yapsabila. Altos: Brittani Adair, Erica Blair, Lindsey Christensen, Megan Cole, Doria Dawson, Rebecca Freshour, Victoria Galle, Danielle Jung, Mallory Neisler, Ashley Nolan, Gail Smith, Sandra Spells, Kristen Turner and Jessica Wright. Tenors: Michael Humes, Bryce Kohn, Mark Oroyan, Leon Richardson and Jake Simth. Basses: Jason Finley, Marshall Jennings, Sam McGinthy, Zachary Rhines and Adam Stidham.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble 2008-2009
Left to right: Adam Schwind, Jared Winters, Adam Stidham, Erica Blair, Lauren Mikkelson, Chelsea Arnold, Nicole Backer, Genni Strathman and Hannah McDowell.

The McKendree Concert choir is a mixed choir of over 30 students, both music- and non-music majors. The choir is directed by Dr. Nancy Ypma. First semester, the choir performed a selection of love ballads and romantic pieces, followed by the Christmas Concert which ended the year on a cheery note.

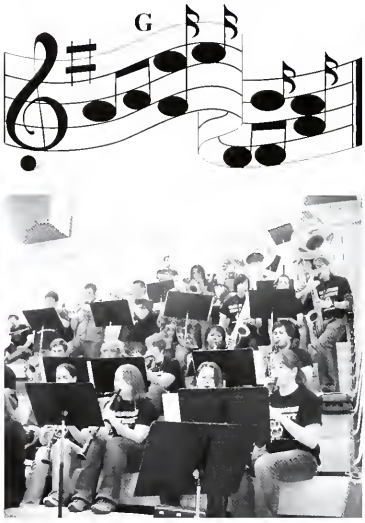
Rejoining the McK music family this year, the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, entitled Jazz Phase 1, made it's debut during the Fall Concert. Directed by Jamie Marble, the choir focused on smooth jazz, but performed a variety of other jazz styles both semesters.

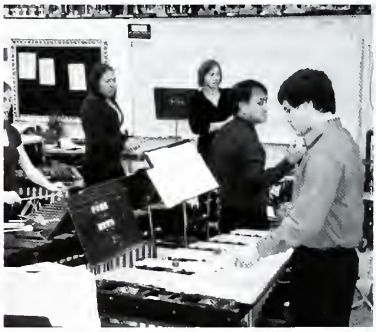
Marching Bearcat Band

Beating to the sound of their own drums!

Practice makes perfect
Senior Joe Geimer shows that practice pays off!

Formed in the late 1990s, the McKendree Marching Bearcat Band has become a fixture at athletic events as well as the entire campus community. The Marching Bearcat Band performs during the pre-game and halftime shows at McKendree football games, entertains high school students at the annual "Preview of Champions" marching band contest, and keeps the crowd pumped during the basketball season. In addition, the Marching Bearcat Band performs an annual fall concert, and participates in many other campus and local area celebrations

It's Show Time!
The Marching Bearcat Band provides pre-game entertainment.

Pep Band
Whether Women's Basketball or Men's Basketball, the Pep Band is there.



Percussion Ensemble
Under the watchful eye of Daniel Smithiger (center) the percussion ensemble prepares for a concert.

2008-2009 Marching Bearcat Band Members

Drum Majors: Catie Neuman and Stacie Banjavcic. Flutes: Alicia Stricklin, Monica Graves, Kelsey Kruep, Eric Neblock, Lauren Steirer and Sarah Smothers. Clarinets: Ashley Walker, Maggie Hughes, Libby Mowers, Zach Rhines, Sarah Kinzinger, Kristin Turner, Lauren Mikkelson and Chris Nickerson. Alto Saxophones, Scott Nolda, Bryce Kohn, Beth Schwierjohn, Megan Cole, Jason Finley and Amanda Thompson. Tenor Saxophones, Daniel Sheldon, Aija Gillman and Shannon Streif. Flugelhorns: Jake Bennett and Jason Roehrig. Trumpets: Joe Geimer, Alex Bigley, Christine Rehkemper, Eric Dale, Ryan Sheldon, Richard Bennett, Steven O'Donnell, Sam McGinthy and Carol Toth. Trombones; Sara Darnold, Jonathan Rose and Roman Hechenberger. Baritone: Leon Richardson. Tubas: Marshall Jennings, Tyler Holdener and Byron Turner. Bass Guitar: Scott DeLorme. Drumline: Jennifer Campbell, Anthony Juehne, Adam Alls, Chelsea Hettenhausen, Lindsey Christensen, Rick Fagan, Matt Brooks, Kristen Eckstadt, Justin Titsworth, Emily Thoman and Lucas Blumhorst. Colorguard: Kaleigh Glenn, Brittani Adair, Tinah Edwards, Kayla Gelarden, Tonya Schartung, Megan Smith, Madeline Lonski, Erin Totten and Sarah Milam. Dance Team: Kamara Owens, Lora Blackwell, Jordan Finch, Amy Piland, Kim Siddall, Maegan Hamilton, Alyssa Spano and Brianna Berens.

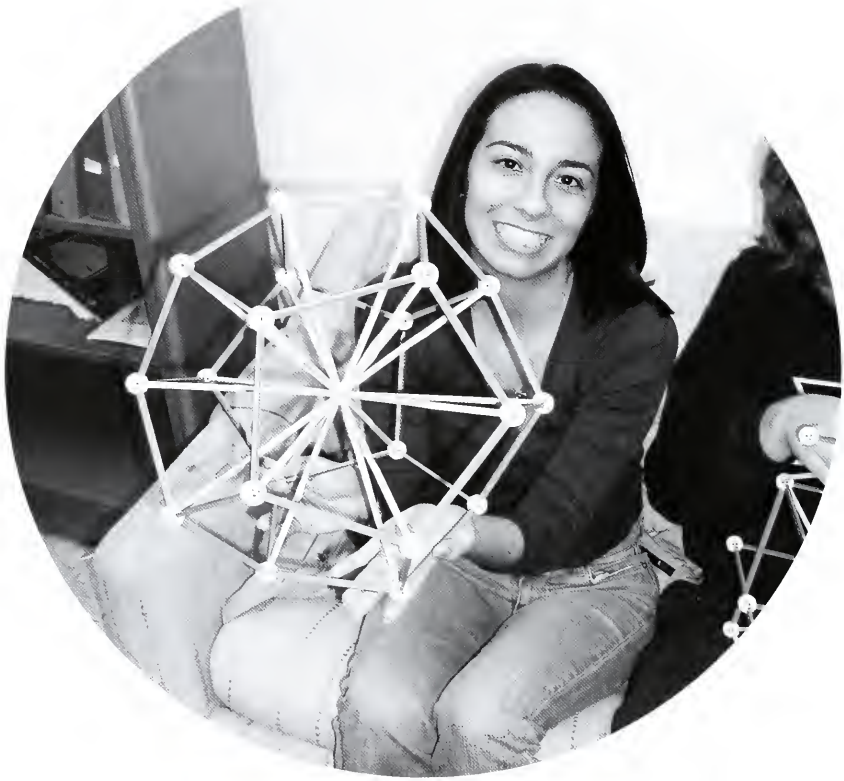
Sax Quartet

Shannon Streif, Bryce Kohn, Justin Titsworth and Scott Nolda provide holiday music.

What's next?

Chelsea Hettenhausen and the Drum Line prepare for the next song.

Clubs & Organizations

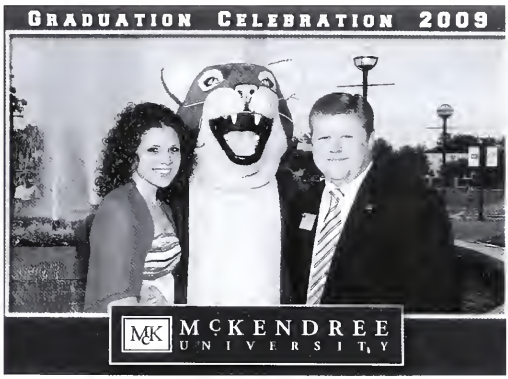


The college experience provides an innumerable amount of opportunities for involvement both in the classroom and outside of the classroom. Various on-campus organizations help students find common gound as they come together to support a cause or accomplish an array of tasks. Clubs and orgnaizations on McKendree's campus help bring students, faculty and staff together while providing the chance to connect with the campus community as well as communities on the local, national and international levels.

Yearbook

Capturing memories of today for tomorrow

Yearbookers 'til the end.
Yearbook editor Lauren Hettenhausen and student worker Gretchen Ulferts pose for a photo just before Commencement. The two worked together on McKendree's yearbook staff for the past three years.



A final hurrah!
Lauren Hettenhausen and Jeff Campbell take time for a photo at the 2009 Senior Graduation Celebration. Lauren and Jeff worked on McKendree's yearbook as an editor/advisor duo from 2006-2009.

Pick "Mii"!
Yearbook advisors Jeff Campbell, Rachel Doyle and Michele Erschen helped the book take shape. Here they are shown in "Mii" form!

The 2008-2009 McKendrean yearbook staff worked together to produce this publication from the summer of 2008 through the summer of 2009. Advised by Jeff Campbell, Rachel Doyle and Michele Erschen, the yearbook staff faced the challenge of including major events on campus, clubs and organizations, athletic teams and the individuals who come together to form McKendree University on the pages of this book. Editor Lauren Hettenhausen and student worker Gretchen Ulferts guided the publication of this book; the yearbook staff met in person once or twice each month but worked year-long using an online publishing tool to bring the book to life. Ulferts commented, "I loved working on the yearbook for lots of reasons. Not only was it a fun extra curriclar that had a fantastic staff and let me be creative, but it also helped me improve my communication and organizational skills." Other members of the McKendree community, students, faculty and staff alike, helped in the creation of this book by submitting photos and text.

The McKendree Review

Extra! Extra! Read all About it!

McKendree Review Staff 2008-2009
Front row: David Hodges, Kristie Manning, Heather Belmonte, Theresa Schmidt, Stephanie Coartney and Erica Blair. Back row: James Murphy, Melissa Wilkinson, Michael Anderson, Sarah Adams, Kendra Sigafoos.

Reading the final product.
Staff members Sarah Adams, Melissa Wilkinson and Michael Anderson view the finished paper on release day.

With a completely new editorial staff, the McKendree Review underwent some dramatic and exciting changes during the 2008-2009 school year. For the first time ever, the Review started offering a delivery subscription service to allow interested alumni, parents and community members to stay up-to-date on McKendree's current events and student activities and concerns. Additionally, rather than being a bi-weekly newspaper as in years past, the Review became a monthly publication to increase the quality and depth of articles and student participation, which met with enormous success and increased readership as well. Sophomore Shari Thurnau stated, "I really like that when I pick it [the McKendree Review] up it is chock full of articles that I would actually be interested in and that pertain to things I deal with in my life. Also, I love the new teacher feature; it's great learning little oddball things about the professors".

The new Teacher Feature column Thurnau mentioned is a contest where readers guess the identity of a professor based on an outdated photo and five fun facts about the professor, and is only one of the many new and exciting regular columns added this year. This year the Review also introduced an McK Singles column, featuring one single male and one single female student in each issue; Hear It, Read It, See It, with the latest music, movie and book reviews of quality and mainstream media; Fashion Forward with fashion tips, trends and advice; McK Fact Attack, which details a little-known fact or story about McKendree's history; and regular installments of Sarah Adams cartoon Blink and Rorschach about two crazy cats.

The Review also took on a more relaxed look with a slightly larger font size and increased usage of different colors and fonts, and had a variety of news to cover, from the construction and opening of 1828 at McKendree and Maid-Rite in Lebanon to the historic election of Barack Obama. As Editor-in-Chief Theresa Schmidt summarized in the final issue, "The 2008-2009 school year included both success and failure, happiness and tears, triumphs and trials. The writers and editors at the McKendree Review feel privileged to have been able to inform you and guide you through both good times and bad, and look forward to doing the same for the 2009-2010 school year." Since its inception in 1921, the Review has continued to evolve and improve and be an excellent source of news and entertainment for the campus, and this year proved no different.

An editing team.
Editors of the McKendree Review break from their work.
Front row: Stephanie Coartney, Associate Editor; and Theresa Schmidt, Editor-in-Chief.
Back row: Kristie Manning, Managing Editor; Heather Belmonte, Assistant Editor; Kendra Sigafoos, Assistant Editor (Fall 2009); and David Hodges, Public Relations Editor.

Residence Hall Association

Making McKendree feel like home

Residence Hall Association 2008-2009
Front row: Sarah Siegel and Jeremy Alexander. Middle row: Lindsay Christensen, Chelsea Hettenhausen, Brittany White, Adam Schwind, and Michelle Voegele. Back row: Michelle Biver and Kayla Fowler.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) focused on becoming more active on campus during the 2008-2009 year. One of the purposes of RHA is to recognize and be a resource for Residence Life by providing information, activities, and opportunities to get more involved. Furthermore, RHA puts together an R.A./C.C./R.D. appreciation package, which they hand deliver, at least once a year to recognize those that dedicate their time and effort to enhancing life around campus. This past year, RHA worked diligently to increase their activity and provide more opportunities for students living on-campus to get out of their rooms to come have some fun. RHA was best known for the ice cream socials they hosted each month on campus. Since the winter months were too cold for ice cream, RHA started a hot cocoa and cookies social in order to get people out to mingle. Other than the socials, RHA hosted one large monthly program; these ranged from educational topics to serious issues to just plain fun and exciting events. Some events this past year included an 80s Dance with Body Image Awareness, R.A./C.C. Roundtable, Residence Hall Olympics, and Cartoon Night with breakfast. Besides the monthly program and social, they also actively participated in Spring Fling and Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

Student Advancement Organization

The link between McKendree's past and future

The Student Advancement Organization (SAO) provides assistance to the Office of Institutional Advancement at McKendree University. SAO members are highly involved with alumni and donors activities on campus such as Homecoming, Football Tailgates and Phone-A-Thon. Members of SAO are repsesentative of the student body to alumni and to the community. SAO members served as student callers during the fall and spring phone-a-thon programs, educate other students about the importance of unrestricted annual giving and help cultivate young alumni. The Student Advancement Organization represents the current student body at alumni events, displaying a kind, caring and appreciative demeanor to all alumni, faculty, staff and guests.

At your service.
SAO members Adam Schulte, Amanda White and Melissa Funk helped serve alumni and donors at the 2008 President's Homecoming Garden Breakfast.

Rotaract Club

Service Above Self

2009-09 Rotoract Members
Front row: Advisor Randall Wilson, Ilana Milkes, Tom Edwards, Jessica Giri and Advisor Martha Eggers. Second row: Gracy Fisher, Tonya Schartung, Sara Darnold and Lora Blackwell. Third row: Jennifer Fletcher, Lauren Szakielo and Nick Schwalb. Fourth row: Ashish Bajracharya, Ivan Stoyanov, Bhushan Shrestha and Lauren Hettenhausen. Fifth row: Prasad Fernando, Nishant Timilsina, Derrick Oats, Hugo Nieto and Mark Oroyan.

The Rotaract Club is an organization dedicated to professional development and creating understanding and partnership through service at both local and international levels. This year, McKendree's Rotaract Club hosted a service and networking event for local high school students, raised funds to stock a library in a needy Nepalese village, and supported the Rotary Club's "End Polio Now" campaign. Club members also volunteered at various community and campus functions.

Student Ambassadors

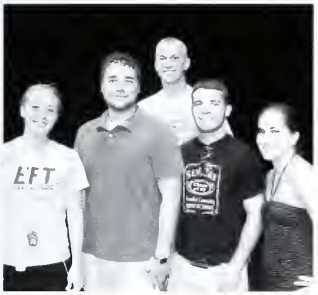
The Face of McKendree

Student Ambassadors 2008-2009
Front row: Sam Hamlin, Ali Willoughby, Nina Phelps, Lora Blackwell, Keeley Mills, Maia Paluska, Allison Poehler, Becca Smith, Annie Bierman and Nina Belden. Middle row: Deanne Puloka, Heather Attaway, Rebecca Lindstrom, Shari Thurnau, Genni Strathman, Erin Thoman, Amanda Kallal, Kayla Fowler, Libby Willis, Stephanie Hoffmeier and Kamara Owens. Back row: Amber Cozart, Bethany Banovz, Michelle Voegele, Jenny Mennerick, Doug Mennerick, Latt Lanctot, Katie Richter, Blake Clark-Hamleman, Kate Risley, Lindsie Rollinson and Lauren Zedalis.

Residence Life
Always Clownin' Around

Down to earth Barnett-eans.
Far Left: Meagan Hamilton, Wallace Fanning, Michelle Biver, Brttany White

Wacky Walton-ites.
Liz Jeremiah, Heath Bryan, Rochelle Krueger, Ivan Stoyanov



"There for you" Baker friends.
Far Left: Samantha Hartman, Jason Lheureux, Mark Chapman, Jake Dorris, Deanne Puloka

Round 'em up McKendree West.
Front row: Kamara Owens, Carrie Brickey, Jeremy Alexander, Jantzen Eddington, Back row: Sarah Heizer, Zachary Crawford, Dr. Gordon, Jake Wittenauer, Robby Kwas, Chelsea Hettenhausen, Trenetia Young

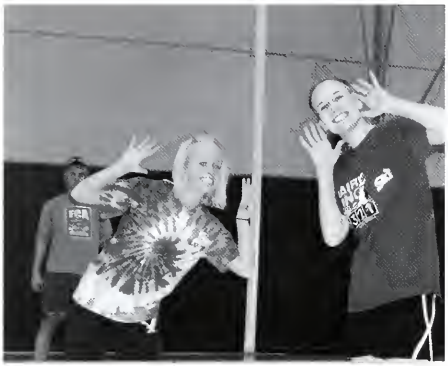
Big Cheese.
Mitch Nasser served as the Director of Residence Life during the 2008-2009 year.

Eccentric Suitemates.
Jacob Rohman, Amanda Englund, Jerod Henderson

The whole gang.
First row: Ivan Stoyanov, Liz Jeremiah, Kamara Owens, Sarah Heizer, Samantha Hartman, Mitch Nesser, Deanne Puloka, Meagan Hamilton. Middle row: Amanda England, Zachary Crawford, Rochelle Krueger, Jason Lheureux, Jake Dorrix, Robby Kwas, Jake Wittenaur, Dr. Gordon, Brittany White, Jantzen Eddinton, Wallace Fanning. Back row: Carrie Brickey, Heath Bryan, MarkChapman, Jake Roman, Jarod Henderson, Jeremy Alexander, Michelle Biver.

Moving out of the house and into a college Residence Hall or apartment can be a scary and stressful adjustment, but the residence life staff has always been in place to help make it a fun and exciting time for residents. McKendree maintains three Residence Halls Barnett, Baker and Walton, along with the Suites, and McKendree West apartments. Each housing establishment has a resident director and resident assistants that plan and organize fun events which help students make their transition. Entire Residence Hall floors have been known to go out to Applebees for dinner, collectively decorate their hallway for the season, and participate in outrageous Homecoming contests such as three legged races and baby bottle drinking contests. There's no question about it, residence life staff love to have a good time, but that's not all. They are there to be friends and mentors; they are there to answer any question a resident may have and there to listen whenever one of their residents just needs someone to listen.

FCA
Fellowship of Christian Athletes



Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a group of students who met once a week to talk about any and every topic. They discussed issues that pertain to members and relate their athletic lives with their spiritual lives. Every other week, FCA hosted a game night. FCA member Jenny Mennerick commented, "Game nights are a blast, and we try to play every sport that is represented in our group in addition to other sports." On the nights where FCA did not have game nights, they focused on relaxation and discussion about athletic lives and how they can become better athletes and better Christians.

Interfaith
Bringing diverse faiths together

Interfaith Members 2008-2009
Front row: Christine Richardson, Beth Schwierjohn and Amber Ramos. Back row: Erica Blair, Sara Darnold and Michael Anderson.

The 2008-2009 school year welcomed a new group on campus: Interfaith. The Interfaith Youth Corp was founded by Eboo Patel. The McKendree chapter, like others, focuses on bringing people together from diverse religious backgrounds and providing opportunities for them to build mutual respect and understanding through joint service projects. The students involved build relationships based on common values rather than separating themselves from others based on differences in their views. Eboo Patel visited McKendree as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series, met with Interfaith leaders on campus, and conducted various workshops.

Campus Ministry
Opportunities for worship and service

Campus Ministry, under the direction of Reverend Tim Harrison, provided students from diverse religious backgrounds with various opportunities for worship and service throughout the school year. They hosted a Spring Break Mission Trip to Mexico and held Sunday Masses, Taize Prayer Services, Chapel Services and Bible Study Groups.

Winter Break Mission Trip
Those participating include: Stephen Kissel, John Kimbrough, Noele Harp, Jamie Straub, Josh Pullen, Jared Winters, Stacie Banjavcic, Tricia Straub, Kelly Knauer, Amber Ramos, Erica Blair, Emily Yakey, Carrie Schumacher, Sarah Monical, Michael Anderson, Rob Dillingham, Adam Schwind and Brad Gebben.

Remember you are dust...
Students, faculty, and staff begin to gather in the Chapel for an Ash Wednesday service.

Faithful Friends
McKendree students and Chaplain Rev. Tim Harrison help organize and facilitate ministries on campus.

Remembering 9-11
Members of the McKendree community gather at a prayer service in remembrance of the September 11, 2001 terroist attacks on the United States.

Trip planning.
Josh Pullen, Brad Gebben, Adam Schwind and Stacie Banjavcic prepare for Winter Break mission trip.

Math Club

It *adds* up to *sum* fun!

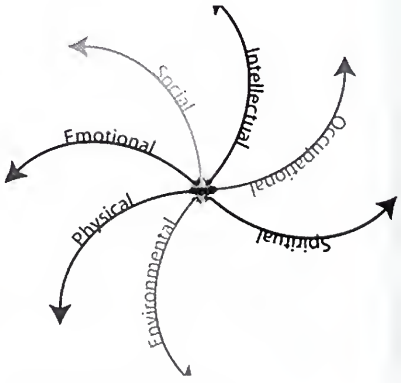
K'nex!
Members of the math club gather to brush up on their geometry and 3-D building skills as they create projects using k'nex.

The McKendree MathCats is a voluntary math club. Any McKendree student was allowed to attend the clubs meetings and participate in the clubs activities. This year, activities included creating shapes with zome, knitting and origami and learning about different math topics from McKendree's own math students. Five of the math club members attended the ISMAA math conference in April at Bradley University. Some also attended a lecture about the shape of the St. Louis Arch held at Washington University. For fun, the club got together to watch math-related movies, such as *A Beautiful Mind* and *21*.

W.O.W.

Wonders of Wellness

The Wonders of Wellness organization's mission is to promote health and wellness on campus through activities and information based on eight dimensions of wellness. W.O.W. was inaugurated in October 2008. The members got off to a running start by adopting two families to whom they provided Christmas gifts. In addition, W.O.W. members teamed with other organizations and community groups to pursue several projects. They worked with the St. Clair County Health Department on the department's two "Get Up & Go" events, part of the national campaign that encourages people to become physically active, and the Quitline program, a grant-funded smoking cessation program that provides free smoking cessation medications and counseling to support people as they quit smoking. The organization also joined with the local chapter of the American Cancer Society to sponsor a granola bar giveaway to promote healthy eating. W.O.W. celebrated Earth Day with a series of events that included a plant and decorated claypot sale, Go Green t-shirt sales, a dodgeball tournament, and a tree planting ceremony. Tru-Value of Lebanon donated a white bud tree that was planted in the front lawn of the campus for the event. Members of W.O.W. also participated in NSO and Bearcat Week events and Spring Fling. A project that was initiated this year and will be completed soon is the planning and mapping of walking paths on and around campus. WOW hopes to create a chapter of "Colleges Against Cancer" in conjunction with the American Cancer Society in the future.



2008-2009 WOW Logo

ISO
International Student Organization

2008-2009 International Student Organization Members
Front row: Deanna Puloka, Ivan Stoyanov, Grace Fisher, Bhushan Shrestha and Catherine Mallon. Back row: Prasad Fernando, Hugo Nieto and Jeremy Alexander.

Creative Cuisine
Members of ISO host an international dinner at which they brought ethnic foods from their own cultures. The campus community was invited to attend this dinner.

The International Student Organization of McKendree University was established in the 2007 Spring semester from a combined effort of current international students and the office of residence life. ISO is open to students of all cultural backgrounds regardless of their nationality or citizenship. The purpose of the club is to recognize and encourage diversity, support a global perspective, enhance campus life and activities through cross-cultural programming and help to serve the needs of international students.

ISO is most known on campus for providing a support group to international students in terms of providing mentorship to new International students, hosting daytrips to St. Louis and the metro area and for hosting social events that celebrate diversity and multiculturalism on campus. Particularly successful is the groups International Food Fest. Held twice a semester, group members prepare traditional dishes from their native countries in effort to open up dialogue about the cultures behind the unique tastes and spices. Hosted on campus, these two hour long events are always open to group members, McKendree students, faculty and staff as well as outside guests. Excutive Board Members for 2008-2009 were President Jeremy Alexander, Vice-President Bhushan Shrestha, Secretary Deanne Puloka, and Treasurer Nishant Timilsina.

McK Running Club
Making Exercise Fun

Doing my part!
Junior Braden Posey helps keep this runner dry.

Getting ready
University Chaplain Tim Harrison, and sons prepare.

Let's go!
Kim Smallheer gives instructions.

Running Club 2008-09
Front row: Chelsie Durbin, Melissa Funk, Michele Voegele, Susie Monteith and Alyssa Spano. Back row: Jake Dorries and Jake Wittenauer.

During its first year in the running, McKendree's Running Club helped create exciting opportunities for exercise and fitness on campus. Members of the club realized the need to offer an opportunity to explore the excitement of walking and running. Their efforts this year focused on helping with the creation and execution of McKendree's first 5K and 10K races, held in both the fall and spring semester, as well as providing students a network of resources for exercise. Next year, the club plans to take a different approach to exercise by re-establishing itself as The McKendree Fitness Club. This approach will allow students the added benefits of experiencing local area races such as various relay races throughout the Saint Louis area. In addition, the club plans to incorporate education in weight training, opportunities for intramural sports around campus, and a graduated running program for Lebanon Elementary School. The motto of McKendree's Running Club was "Exercise is Fun" and the club plans to continue providing opportunities to make exercise fun for McKendree students as it changes to The McKendree Fitness Club during the 2009-2010 school year.

Student Government

Representing all McKendree students

Student Government 2008-2009
Front row: Scott Best, Nichant Timilsina, Braden Posey, Annie Bierman and Lindsey Freeman. Second row (First-year Senators): Nick Schwalb, Kayla Fowler, Susy Monteith, Maggie Musso and Alyssa Spano. Third row: Advisor, Jason Lheureaux, Sophomore Senators: Emily Eilermann, Ilana Mikles, Ashley Parrott and Miranda Linneman. Fourth row (Junior Senators): Jake Wittenauer, Christopher Miller, Bridget Buckley and Bethany Hinkle. Fifth row (Senior Senators): Adam Schwind, Andrew Purcell, Tony Mitchell, Erin Thoman and Kate Risley.

Student Government Officers 2008-2009
Annie Bierman, Scott Best, President Braden Posey, Nishant Timilsina and Lindsey Freeman

Campus Activities Board

Ag Silver
Various bands and musicians performed regularly at McKendree. One band, Ag Silver, is pictured above.

Foam and fun!
At the beginning of each year, CAB hosts a Foam Party in the Pit of the Lair. Foam, music and dancing are great ways to kick off the school year.

You won't believe your eyes!
CAB hosted illusionist Mike Super who amazed a full house at the Hett. Super was the winner of NBC's contest-reality show "Phenomenon".

Don't stress!
CAB provided chair massages and a pancake dinner for stressed students during Stress Fest to help students relax during their final exams.

Bringing entertainment to McK

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) plans and executes alternative and diverse social, recreational, multicultural and educational events for both the campus and community. CAB consists of an Executive Board and the Street Crew, allowing for students to network with professionals in the work force, while gaining personal growth in leadership skills, programming and team creativity.

The Campus Activities Board plans events that appeal to a college community including campus-wide traditional events, including Homecoming, Fall Family Weekend and Spring Fling. CAB brings various other social opportunities to students on campus including concerts, poetry slams and magicians. CAB also hosts events to help students get more acquainted with their peers, such as a Foam Party and events to help students relax during hectic times in the semester, such as Stress Fest, including free chair massages! CAB helps foster McKendree spirit throughout the Lebanon community. All programs, events and performers organized and facilitated by CAB are free to all students; CAB also partners with various organizations on campus to host events.

McKendree Idols!

At McKendree Idol 2009, Over $1100 was raised for the Susan G. Komen foundation for breast cancer research. Kayla Fowler won McKendree Idol 2009 and Ashley Dressler won the Highest Donation Award.

Ashley Dressler

Blake Hampleman

Brittnee' Jones

Mark Oroyan

Kelsey Jones

Kayla Fowler

Sheree Davis

Debate Team

The 2008-2009 year was an exciting one for the McKendree Debate Team. We traveled to Kansas, Washington, Wyoming and California for just a few of our tournaments. Cory Freivogel and Sami Leonard debated their third year together, while Amanda Ataiyan and Becky Lindstrom and Josie Wiegel and Whitney Baillie chalked up year two together. Zak Kilhoffer and Anna Chambers joined the team as novices and accompanied them to the 2009 National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship Tournament where McKendree took 12th place in the nation, the best Bearcat finish to date. Notable finishes for the year included: Ataiyan and Lindstrom as quarterfinalists at the first ever McKendree Invitational Tournament, Wiegel and Baillie as double-octafinalists at the NPDA Championship, and Freivegel and Leonard took 9th place in the nation at both the NPDA Championship and the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence (NPTE) and became the winningest team in the history of the NPTE, which was an exciting accomplishment during another successful year for Bearcat Debate.

Partners in crime.
Debate partners, Senior Sami Leonard and Junior Cory Freivogel, pose with awards at the Pi Kappa Delta Banquet

Laptop lookup.
Debate partners Josie Wiegel and Whitney Baillie research at the NPTE before debating.

Debate Team 2008-2009
Members include: Amanda Ataiyan, Whitney Baillie, Sarah brown, Anna Chambers, Clarence Coppinger, Cory Freivogel, Zak Kilhoffer, Sami Leonard, Rebecca Lindstrom and Nishant Timilsina.

Student Teachers

Fall 2008 Elementary Education Student Teachers
Alphabetically: Katie Gould, Jamie Ashford, Amy Baer, Reginald Duncan, Tina Evans, Kellye Foret, Kandace Gotto, Rebecca Greiman, Madeline Hoff, Tonya Horn, Lynn Huegen, Ann Little, Brandy Lowe, Mary Miles, Rebecca Nowell, Jamie Paluczak, Colene Pogue, Ashlie Reader, Bonnie Rickert, Calista Schlemmer,
Ariane Sendejas, Susan Spargo, Stacey Unfried, Jenilyn Wahlig, Nicholette Watters, Maryl West and Sarah Weygandt.

Fall 2008 Secondary Education Student Teachers
Alphabetically: Robby Campbell, Kristen Davis, Dawn Dili, Jesse Essenpreis, Jacob Flick, Amanda Graves, Shakeesha Gray, Bethany Harry, Ashley Hayes, Danielle Kruep, Renee Lasenby, Jill
Mathenia, Debra Mills,
Jonathan Norton, Karson Pepper, Allen Rudd, Virginia Rusteburg, John Sertich, Heidi Surdyk,
Amanda Harris, Jill Wolfmeier and April York.

Spring 2009 Elementary Education Student Teachers
Alphabetically: Amanda Dorris, Nichole Brubaker Elkins, Leah Fey, Amanda Ganey, Stacy Gibson, Nic Goodman, Cara Gramlich, Cassandra Guyer, Chad Hackstadt, Jessica Heiden, Lauren Hettenhausen, Robin Kelso, Bethany Kowzan, Ashleigh Lanzone, Malinda McCalmont, Michelle Palovcsik, Whitney Rapp, Bridget Renner,
Kim Riley, Ashley Schmidt, Ashley Stehl, Wendy Varady, Nikki Worms andEmily Zanfes.

Spring 2008 Secondary Education Student Teachers
Alphabetically: Ida Billingsley, Jamie Dienell, Todd Harpstrite, Michael Harris, Cynthia Hasenstab, Federick Herrmann, Sharon Holland-Welge, Patricia Holmes, Katelyn Kombrink, Kyle Lapington, Jenny Mennerick, Jennifer Ohlemeier, Sara Pettersen, Molly Reed, Daniel Schmid, Casey Seipp, Jared Simmons, Lynelle Smith, Erin Thoman, Lori Waltman, Holly Weller, Melissa Wessel and Martha Wooff.

The Green Team

Helping to make campus more environmentally friendly

The Green Team 2008-2009
Front row: Belinda Clark, Carrie Schumacher, President Theresa Schmidt and Advisor Dr. Duane Olson. Back row: Hugo Nieto and James Murphy

The Green Team helps students realize the importance of keeping the McKendree Campus environmentally friendly. During the spring of 2008, Green Team President Theresa Schmidt joined with Dr. Duane Olson and Dr. Jim Feher to organize the university's first annual Earth Week celebration. The quick success they witnessed from their efforts soon inspired them to organize the Green Team, a student environmental club which they felt would get the campus community more involved in green initiatives and would be taken more seriously if run by students. Garnering a significant amount of student interest, the Green Team incorporated a variety of members with similar interests who were looking to make a difference for the environment.

One of the Green Team's most notable successes in educating students on ways to protect the planet has been its expansion of McKendree's Earth Week activities. This year's Earth Week included a two-day Clean Sweep community recycling drive for electronics and a variety of presentations on how to benefit the environment in one's day-to-day life.

Students, faculty and community members attended the showing of the movie *Who Killed the Electric Car* in the Hett. In addition, Ron Erb of O'Fallon Ill. permitted his battery-powered truck, which he converted from its reliance on gasoline, to be displayed in front of the Hett. With pledge posters available all over campus, the Green Team encouraged students to make a promise to themselves in working toward improving the environment.

Environmental Action Committee

Inspiring McKendree to go green

Environmental Awareness Committee 2008-2009
Dr. Duane Olson, Lisa Brandon, Steve Barz, Ed Willett, Dr. Mickey Schutzenhofer and Dr. Peter Will

When President Dennis authorized the creation of an Environmental Awareness Committee (EAC) in the summer of 2006, no one could have foreseen the extent of its benefits in the campus community or the impressive level of student involvement it would inspire within so short a time. The committee, composed of faculty, staff and a student representative, was formed at the request of Dr. Duane Olson, professor of religion, after the former recycling program was dropped due to the addition of a pick-up fee.

Olson had previously organized the campus-wide program with Phoenix Recycling out of his own commitment to the environment; however, he soon realized that recycling needed to be institutionalized at McKendree if it was to continue. Consequently, he met with a group of concerned administrators who agreed that the recycling program was necessary and decided the University should pay the fee to reinstate it. Olson believed this group, which later became known as the EAC, would be more effective in keeping the campus aware of the need to reduce, re-use and recycle.

During the spring of 2008, the EAC helped organize the university's first annual Earth Week celebration. The faculty/staff committee also inspired the creation of the student organization The Green Team.

Kappa Sigma Tau

The ladies of Kappa Sigma Tau have had quite an eventful 2008-2009 school year with eight seniors graduating and ten new inductees. They participated in Greek Week and McKendree's Annual Homecoming where they were able to reconnect with Kappa Sigma Tau/McKendree Alums who came to campus to celebrate. Throughout the fall semester, they participated a number of fundraising and service activities including raising money for Hospice of Southern Illinois, donating canned goods to the Lebanon Food Pantry through the Trick-or-Treat for Canned Goods event, and cleaning up Kappa Sigma Taus adopted highway, US Route 50, through the Adopt-A-Highway organization. Several social events they held provided fun, entertainment, and fellowship to the students of McKendree. The fall semester closed with an Alumni Christmas Dinner at Popeye's Chop House in St. Rose, Illinois, and just before spring classes began, members embarked on their annual Winter Bonding Retreat. This year they traveled to St. Louis and ate dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory with bonding activities at the Westin Hotel following. The spring provided opportunities for more service activities and social events, including an Alumni Brunch at The Cheesecake Factory in St. Louis, Missouri. In addition to all the service the ladies put in as an organization, each of their members also committed to ten hours of community service each semester in addition to supporting other events on campus.

For their social and service work both on and off campus, in addition to an outstanding grade point average, Kappa Sigma Tau was awarded the President's Cup for the 2008-2009 school year. Kappa Sigma Tau sorority's focus rested on sisterhood this year, just like in the past, and they make sure their sisterhood is sound by active involvement and communication year-round!

Kappa Sigma Tau Members 2008-2009
Front row: Christine Rehkemper, Lindsey Christensen, Stephanie Harris, Renee Ryterski, Annie Bierman and Brandi Branka. Middle row: Ashley Parrott, Tracy Coble, Megan McQuiston, Maegan Hamilton, Bethany Hinkle, Katie Eilers, Kelli Snyder and Danielle Mask. Back row: Madilon Isom, Meagan Frank, Emily Tift, Christine Juehne, Krystin Baker, Caitlan Rogers, Jessica Smith, Susy Monteith, Alyssa Spano, Chelsy Durbin and Rebecca Singleton.

Kappa Lambda Iota

Kappa Lambda Iota (Clio) Members 2008-2009
In front, Big Brother Alex Young. Middle row: Josie Juelfs, Mindy Sparks, Christina Young and Ashley Dressler. Back row: Kayla Gelarden, Genni Strathman, Jessica Bell, Bridget Buckley, Emily Thoman, Jessica Ready and Ashley Dunning.

The Clionian Literary Society celebrated their 140th anniversary at McKendree in 2009. Also known as Kappa Lambda Iota, the sisters of CLIO added some great memories this year. In the fall, junior Bridget Buckley represented them as a nominee for Homecoming Queen. Also at Homecoming, alum Debra Bethard-Caplick '87 had the group's old active pins recast and donated them to the active members of the group. Active pins were a tradition that had long-since been lost and Debra's donation will help today's actives have more connection to CLIO's great history at McKendree. CLIO hosted many fundraisers this year such as the 6th Annual McKendree Idol (co-hosted with CAB) on April 15th; every year, McKendree Idol is organized to raise money for CLIO's favorite charity: Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. When CLIO marches in the St. Louis "Race for the Cure" in June, they will have donated over $1100 to breast cancer research this year. On April 19th, CLIO hosted a "140th Birthday" alumni reception at the Sweeter House of Coffee in Lebanon. The occasion allowed the active sisters to get to know their older sisters and for everyone to share their experiences in the sorority. CLIO is planning an alumni reception for 2009 Homecoming as well. Overall, this year was an excellent year of sisterhood, loyalty and friendship in CLIO!

Alpha Omega

The Alpha Omega Society is a social sorority that was founded on McKendrees campus in November of 1954, making it McKendree's second oldest sorority. The purpose of Alpha Omega is to establish a perpetual bond of friendship among its members, to develop a stronger, more womanly character, to broaden the social, cultural and intellectual life, and to assist its members in every possible way. This fall, members hosted a formal, and on Tuesdays evenings, they enjoyed going to Applebee's restaurant for weekly trivia nights. In 2008, the society won the Greek Challenge Cup. This year, Alpha Omega members were very active on campus, participating in a number of activities and other organizations. Alpha Omega placed an emphasis on community service as it chose the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) as a charity to support through the 2008-2009 year. The society held several bake sales with plans to donate a portion of the proceeds to the WWF. Alpha Omega focused the 2008-2009 year on friendship and service.

Alpha Omega Members 2008-2009
Front row: Anastasia Tompkins and Emily Anderson. Back row: Erin Totten, Amy Roberson, Jamie Dare and Dana Kamerman.

Alpha Phi Omega

Be a leader. Be a friend. Be of service.

Alpha Phi Omega Active Members, Spring 2009
Front row: Mallory Neisler, Bobbie Carroll, Kaitlyne Motl and Amanda Englun. Middle row: Kelly Knauer, Melissa Wilkinson, Erin Conley, Maggie O'Connor, Ryan Vincent, Beth Trame, Amelia Wofford, Ashley Nolan and Jake Smith. Back row: Brad Gebben and Jeff Dillow. Not Pictured: Robert Poland.

Alpha Phi Omega is a national co-ed service organization founded on the principles of leadership, friendship, and service. Alpha Phi Omega has been on McKendree's campus since 1972, and continued to provide service to the campus and community through the 08-09 school year. From volunteering at nursing homes and sponsoring blood drives to attending a national conference in Bostor and playing games after meetings, Alpha Phi Omega had a wonderful year full of...

Leadership, Friendship & Service

The Big Show!
Section 49 poses together at National Convention in Boston, MA.

Happy Birthday!
Amelia Wofford, Ryan Vincent, and Erin Conley celebrate the chapter's birthday!

Always giving back.
Kelly Knauer and Bobbie Carroll donate time and energy at a blood drive.

Sigma Nu

Sigma Nu Members 2008-2009
First row: Justin Titsworth, Byrin Turner, Zachary Rhines, Zachary Davis and Sam McGinthy. Middle row: Keith Bates, Michael Humes, Andrew Chambers and Ben Pieper. Back row: Andrew Schmidt, Lucas Blumhorst, Jason Bohnenstiehl and Scott Delorme. Not pictured: Eric Dale and Nic Goodman.

McKendree's Mu Sigma chapter of Sigma Nu follows three ideals: to believe in the life of love, to walk in the way of honor, and to serve in the light of truth. During the 2008-2009 academic year, the fraternity hosted social events on campus and participated in volunteer and fundraising opportunities to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Ferox

The men of Ferox (Pho Rho Chi) promote a collegiate experience that is rich in academic achievement, campus involvement and personal growth. Ferox was founded on the McKendree campus in 1963.

Ferox Members 2008-2009
Matthew McKendree, Richard VanScoyk, Jordan Hurd, Tucker Sears, Alumnus Sean Martin and Chas Maloch.

Literary Interest Society

Why yes, I do love books!

Let it speak to you...
Ben Simon recites his own work (right) before Heather Belmonte (far right) reads a piece of her own at the fall Poetry Slam, at the Sweeter House of Coffee.

Bagain books & baked goods
Libby Mowers, Raven Bone, and Kendra Sigafoos help out at the annual LIS Book/Bake Sale. All profits helped support the annual LIS Shakespeare Trip to Chicago.

In the "Windy City"
McKendree students and faculty (below) stand in front of Chicago's Shakespeare Theater. The group saw a production of *Twelfth Night*.

McKendree's Literary Interest Society (LIS) attracted students from all fields and works to promote the enjoyment of literature on campus and in the surrounding community. Led by student president, Heather Belmonte, LIS sponsored numerous sales and events this year, including book and bake sales, a build your own valentine sale, and a Poetry Slam at the Sweeter House of Coffee in downtown Lebanon. The fundraisers went toward McKendree's annual spring trip to Chicago's Navy Pier to see a play at the Shakespeare Theater. This treasured McKendree tradition has always been sponsored by LIS and open to the campus community. This year was no different. A group of students and faculty members attended a production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* and toured the Chicago Shedd Aquarium.

The Montage

Montage Staff Members 2008-2009
Anastasia Bierman, Reader; Heather Belmonte, Editor; Benjamin Simon, Reader; Elizabeth Mowers, Reader (not pictured: Trisha Rogers, Reader)

Featuring short stories, poetry, drama, photography, and artwork, *The Montage* provided an invaluable outlet for student creativity. Every year McKendree students are asked to submit their original creative work. These submissions are then reviewed by a group of student readers and compiled and polished by *The Montage* editor. Traditionally the journal has been published as a small booklet. This year's edition, however, included a record number of submissions and is the first large sized edition in McKendree history. *The Montage* is distributed annually in the spring, free of charge.

Student Illinois Education Association

Preparing students for careers in education

SIEA Executive Board Members: 2008-09
Bethany Kowzan, Secretary; Lauren Hettenhausen, President; Jenny Mennerick,member; Nicole Kirk, Treasurer; Lauren Roney, Vice President; Katie Richter, Program Director. (Not Pictured: Kristin von der Linden, Public Relations; Bonnie Rickert, Past President)

The Student Illinois Education Association (SIEA) is a professional organization which links students who are planning a career in teaching with a state and national teachers organization. Membership in this program provides students with professional contacts throughout the state and nation, up-to-date information that goes beyond skills learned in a college classroom, publications at the national and the state level, professional workshops, resume and networking services and more.

McKendree's SIEA chapter grew from the ground up this year and boasted a total membership of over 90 students, making it the largest student group on campus. The organization hosted monthly meetings with presenters focusing on professional development in the field of education. SIEA offered on-campus LiveText workshops for portfolio development and implemented a student mentor program within the School of Education. SIEA also launched a community involvement program and hosted McKendree's first education conference day with a theme of "Spring Into Teaching" coupled with a school supply and playground equipment drive in cooperation with Lebanon Kids, Inc. In order to help fund their events, SIEA hosted two fundraisers: School of Education polos and McKendree canvas "teacher bags." President Lauren Hettenhausen stated in reflection, "The 2008-2009 school year marked an exciting lead for SIEA on campus. The executive board members were tirelessly dedicated to increasing opportunities for education majors on campus. This year was a great start, and I can't wait to see what the future holds! McKendree has such a fantasic education program; I'm glad SIEA could provide additional ways to learn, to serve others, and to develop as a professional educator outside of the classroom."

Athletics

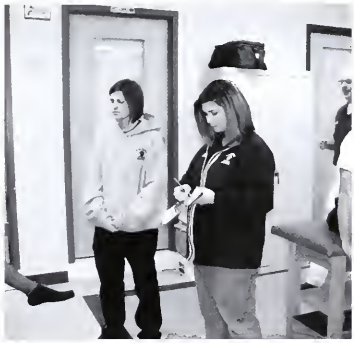
McKendree offers eleven varsity men's sports and nine varsity women's sports. Each sport is connected through the athletic program. However, not just athletes are part of this group. We must remember the importance of coaches, trainers, fans and others who bring life to the sporting events. The skill, strengh, support and sportsmanship shown by individuals and teams in all of these groups help the Bearcats achieve success on and off the field. Whether on the court or in the stands, members of the McKendree community come together to sport the purple and the white. Go Bearcats!

Athletic Training

Preventing and Responding to Sports Injuries

Athletic Training Students 2008-2009
Front row: Jordan Bierman, Lucy Elliott, Heather Fouts, Casandra Douthit, Alicia Kirchner, Keith Tebbe and Lindsay Ponder. Second row: Brittany Lowell, Kaitlin Ward, John Smith, Jeff Wingbermuehle, John Ruesler, Lindsay Newbold, Dani Stith, Sydnie Siltman, Amy Reed and Liz Barrow. Third row: Jen Bauersachs, Amanda Schuring, Sloane Hertlein, Craig Zurliene, Brandon Kircher, Cathy Webb, Dani Collins and Reece McCall. Back row: Michael Dreisbach, Josh Hemmer and Scott Bonvie. Not pictured: Crystal Timmermann, Brennan Donahue, Jake Wittenauer and Duncan Zinck.

Back in action in no time!
Sophomore Amy Reed works with senior Craig Session.



Filling out the chart.
Senior Casandra Douthit looks on as Instructor Katy Gayford records treatment information.

Here's the plan...
Medical advisor, Dr. Jay Nofsinger discusses treatment options with junior, Shelinda Brackett.

Football

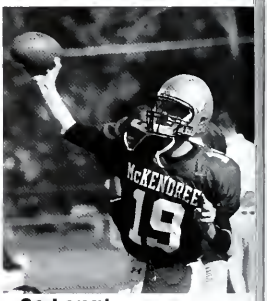
Here come the Bearcats!!

2008-2009 Season	
Georgetown College	W 19-17
Marian College	L 21-28
Ohio Dominican University	L 0-59
Quincy University	L 13-20
Trinity Int'l University	W 35-3
St. Ambrose University	W 21-7
William Penn University	L 14-17
University of St. Francis	W 14-13
Olivet Nazarene University	W 38-0
Iowa Wesleyan College	W 48-3

Charge!
The McKendree Bearcat football team rushes the field on their way to another victorty!

Hut, hut, hike!
The Bearcats line up to try and prevent the opposing team from gaining another down.

Think!
Coach Carl Poelker contemplates what play he will have his players do next.



Go Long!
Austin Fisher passes the ball to another teammate in an attempt to gain some ground.

Listen up!
During a time out, players get some pointers before heading back out onto the field.

(Far Right)
Go Long!
Dan Loudenslager puts up an awesome pass to one of his teammates, helping the team gain some yardage.

(Right)
Making history!
George Smith fights his way to the endzone. He broke McKendree's career record touchdown.

Football

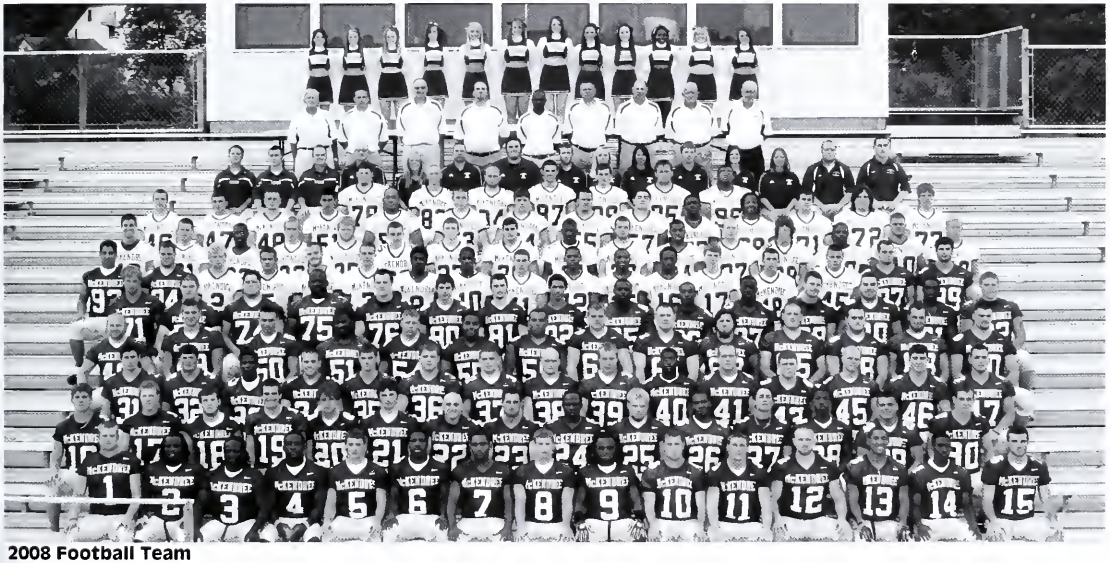
Go, Fight, Win!

Pay Attention!
Players listen attentively as an assistant coach critiques their performance on the field.

Run, run!
Mason Williams dodges an opponent as he approaches the endzone.

Pile-up!
Craig Zurliene lays down a member of the opposing team.

Stop him!
Derrell Nicholas is on a mission to avoid a run-in with an opponent.



2008 Football Team

Numerically: Don Petterson, Terrence Greer, Sherman Ellington, Reece McCall, Ryan Klier, Tony Mitchell, David Bergschneider, Michael Glielmi, Antonio Greer, Bret Dougherty, Mason Williams, Wade Adamson, Derrick Quals, Jordan Fark, Dan Loudenslager, Everett Croom, Blake Novack, Luke Arnold, Austin Fisher, Kevin Kinsall, Mike Minehan, Shane McBride, George Smith, Tommy Gayfield, Lee Geyer, Marlone Chenault, Jon Malandrucco, Brian Bierman, Jason Rejfek, Josh Atwood, Chris Montgomery, Jeff Stroot, Andrew Devine, Eric Holtkamp, Chris Fisher, Brandon Nigro, Aaron Bennett, Neil Godfrey, Tim Ladd, Joe Beimfohr, Steve Moravec, Greg Schulte, John Smith, Corey Harris, Charles Giles, Ben Bergt, Heath Bohannon, Reggie Cloyd, Mychal Gooch, Nick Hegger, Terry Kennedy, Robert Kirk, Daniel Schanuel, Zachary Gass, Jake Harris, Bryan Edgar, Matthew Serdar, Elton Weed, Matt Hutton, Shawn Silvera, Shane O'Brien, Aaron Rohr, Zach Atkins, Nick Fuhler, Jay Earley, Myron Hicks, Robby Mosher, Byron Gettis, Travis Brown, Derrell Nicholas, Adam Connor, Jake Strausbaugh, Troy Cogdill, Mariano Flowers, Craig Zurliene, Aaron Ficke, Sean Newsome, Brock Pflasterer, Kevin Lambert, Michael Allen, Marcus Atwood, Richard Bailey, Parrish Banks, Dustin Barrett, Andrew Beckham, Dustin Borum, David Brock, Anthony Brown, Derek Chancy, Nolan Crum, Andrew Davis, Matt Davis, Erik Fohne, Justin Frankford, Lucas Gehrs, Brock Gray, Kyle Hanner, Corey Harris, Simeone Haynes, Willie Haynes, Rennick Hoss, Josh Houston, Kale Hubert, Sean Kelly, Gary Kharibian, Josh Lauer, Ricardo Lopez, Josh Masten, Tyler Muenstermann, Dennis Otto, Quez Patterson, Robert Poland, Scott Prause, Zach Reynolds, Daniel Rivera, Joel Rivera, Wesley Rohman, Larry Russell, Jeffrey Schoor, Justin Shaw, Anthony Shorter, Eli Smith, Blake Thole, Lafayette Tucker, Blake Wesselman, George White, Bradley Wright, Charlie Zimmerman. Coaches: Carl Poelker, Jim Falconio, Tony Falconio, Jeff Fisher, Mike Harrison, Tom Jensen, Mike McGinnis, Jim Monken, Trent Poelker, Bill Smith.

Women's Soccer

Another National Tournament Appearance!

2008-2009 Season		
St. Norbert College	W	2-0
St. Xavier University	T	1-1
Missouri Valley College	W	6-1
Westminster College	W	8-0
U of I Springfield	W	11-1
Culver-Stockton College	W	8-0
Harris-Stowe University	W	10-0
William Woods University	W	4-0
U of I Springfield	W	4-0
William Woods University	W	3-0
Hannibal-LaGrange College	W	3-1
Judson University	W	3-0
Missouri Baptist University	W	6-1
Missouri Baptist University	W	4-2
Harris-Stowe University	W	9-0
Lindenwood University	W	1-0
Hannibal-LaGrange College	W	2-1
Drury University	L	0-1
AMC Tournament Semifinals		
Hannibal-LaGrange College	W	2-0
AMC Tournament Finals		
William Woods University	W	5-0
NAIA Championships		
Kansas Wesleyan	W	1-0
NAIA Championships		
Lindsey Wilson College	L	3-0

AMC Player of the Year
Sophomore Sarah Ryan was named American Midwest Conference Player of the Year. Dean of Students Dr. Todd Reynolds presents her award at the Conference Championship game where the Bearcats won their sixth consecutive championship by defeating William Woods with a score of 5-0.

We Did It!
Junior Sarah Ryan catches junior Kelsey Johnson as they celebrate their 1-0 win over Kansas Wesleyan in the first round of the NAIA national tournament. On Nov. 22 and for the first time in school history, McKendree hosted a national tournament women's soccer game.

Coach Tim Strange's women's soccer team had another outstanding season and set a record for most wins in program history with a record of 19-2-1. The team also won its sixth consecutive AMC championship and hosted a first-round national tournament game. Ranked #16 nationally, the Bearcats were beaten 3-0 by #1 ranked Lindsey Wilson College in the second round of the tournament. Senior Erin Spotanski and junior Sarah Ryan were named Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes and Ryan and freshman Sulyn Keomanivane were named Brine-NAIA honorable mention All-American Athletes.

2008-2009 Women's Soccer Team
Numerically: Sarah Luecking, Liz Yanko, Katelyn Cleveland, Kelsey Johnson, Theresa Kaiser, Alex Adams, Chrissy Girardi, Sulyn Keomanivane, Sam Hartman, Ilana Milkez, Erin Spotanski, Kyla Nighohossian, Brittany Lowell, Lindsey Freeman, Megan Ansley, Corie Sanders, Erin Killian, Lindsey Ponder, Sarah Brede, Darcee Bair, Jess Augustine, Sarah Eckelkamp,Ashley Varns, Sarah Ryan, Kathy Kentch, Daniele Kuberski, Cassie Jones, Cassie Lofink. Coaches: Tim Strange, Donny Sheehan, Jamie Dienell, Lucy Elliott

Men's Soccer

Kickin' It Into High Gear.

Oh, say can you see...
The Varsity Bearcat Soccer Team lines up on the field and pays tribute to our country during the national anthem.

Tim Strange led the Men's Bearcat Soccer Team through another successful year with a season record of 14-4-2. Such an impressive season was stopped suddenly in the AMC Championship Games against Hannibal-LaGrange College. The talented young team will be saying goodbye to three seniors this year: Ryan Miller, Joey Lofink, and Eric Frierdich. The Bearcats were not only scoring well on the field but also were scoring well in the classroom. Notably, three outstanding players were honored with the Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes Award. The three included Seniors Joey Lofink and Ryan Miller and Junior Braden Posey.

2008-2009 Season

W	1-0	Judson University
W	4-1	Taylor University
W	3-0	Missouri Valley College
W	1-0	Marian COllege
W	4-1	Westminster College
W	2-1	Benedictine College
T	3-3	Olivet Nazarene University
W	3-0	Culver-Stockton College
W	4-0	Harris-Stowe University
W	8-0	William Woods University
W	3-1	U of I Springfield
L	0-2	Hannibal-LaGrange College
L	0-2	SIUE
W	2-0	Columbia College
W	1-0	Missouri Baptist University
L	2-4	Lindenwood University
W	4-0	Williams Baptist College
T	0-0	Drury University
		AMC Tournament Semifinals
W	2-0	Columbia College
		AMC Tournament Finals
L	1-5	Hannibal-LaGrange College

2008-2009 Men's Soccer
Numerically: Tim Day, Braden Posey, Brennan Donahue, Ryan Miller, Sean Mueller, Jimmy Benoist, Sam James, Pat Jones, Joey Lofink, Michael Sigournay, Eric Frierdich, Daniele Moradi, Matt Jannings, Joep Schreurs, Mitch Fear, Aaron Streid, Max Vogl, Fraser Williams, Thomas Ward, Max Steinmez, Sam Keomanivane, Richard Henderson, Joe Sagar. Coaches Tim Strange and Donny Sheehan.

Volleyball

Serve It, Bump It, Spike It, Win It!

2008-2009 Season

Webster University	W	3-0
College of the Ozarks	L	0-3
Bethany College	W	3-1
Freed-Hardeman University	L	1-3
Tabor College	W	3-0
William Baptist College	W	3-0
Maryville University	W	3-0
Millikin University	L	1-3
Columbia College	L	0-3
Missouri Baptist University	L	1-3
Stephens College	W	3-0
William Woods University	W	3-0
Central Methodist University	L	1-3
Fontbonne University	W	3-0
Harris-Stowe University	W	3-0
Hannibal-LaGrange College	W	3-0
Lindenwood University	L	0-3
Evangel University	L	1-3
William Jewel College	L	2-3
Olivet Nazarene University	L	0-3
U of I Springfield	L	2-3
Harris-Stowe University	W	3-0
Williams Baptist University	L	1-3
Missouri Baptist University	W	3-1
Madonna University	L	0-3
St. Ambrose Universtiy	W	3-1
Stephens University	W	3-0
William Woods University	L	1-3
Columbia College	L	0-3
Hannibal-LaGrange College	W	3-2
Greenville College	W	3-0
U of I Springfield	L	0-3
Webster University	W	3-1
AMC Tournament William Woods University	W	3-0
AMC Tournament Columbia Collge	L	0-3

2008-2009 Volleyball Team
Front row: Melinda Bayer, Jenna Baker, Nadia Moore, Savannah Jarvis and Lauren Richter. Middle Row: Jessica Ward, Kelsie Perkins, Jena Muckensturm, Maggie Musso, Carrie Brickey, Jessica Ellsworth, Dana Maedge, Melissa Bayer, Lauren Sarver and Katie Ringering. Back row: Dani Collins, Katelyn Kombrink, Lindsay Amerson, Lindsey Gray, Kaitlyn Kollmann, Kristina Paisley, Andrea Lucas, Anna Mannino and Kelsey Jones. Coach: Evelyn Bean. (Assistant Coach: Jen Miller)

Bring It!
Lauren Sarver offensively returns the ball to William Baptist.

Take that!
Kaitlin Kollman puts the shot away against Columbia College.

Give me your best shot!
Carrie Brickey prepares to volley.

Coach Evelyn Bean and Assistant Coach Jen Miller worked to rally the girls' spirits and encouraged them to play hard and stay strong throughout the season. The work put in by the coaches and players paid off during the season closing AMC Tournament. Impressively, the Bearcats qualified for the semifinals with flying colors, beating William Woods University in a three set match. Unfortunately, the women were knocked out of play by Columbia College. The volleyball team ended with a record of 18-17.

Hockey

Frozen Bearcats

2008-2009 Hockey Team

Numerically: John Moore, Ryan Ahlemeyer, Charlie Donze, Jordan Thompson, Nick Dreyer, Scott Roberts, Zach EVans, Alec Steiner, J. David Coleman, Chris Donahue, Dan Pettibone, Kyle Clark, Nicholas Smothers, Ryan Haeffele, Zach Crawford, Dustin Schildknecht, Jordan Donze, Kelsey Medina, Mike Stier, Brooks Boeschen. Coach: Bill Misiak.

Play fair!
The players strive to put up a good defense against their opponants.

Huddle up.
The defense gathers to discuss strategy.

Line 'em up.
The Bearcats stand in line honoring our country during the playing of our national anthem.

2008-2009 Season	
L 5-10	University of Missouri
W 13-7	Univesity of Missouri
W 7-4	Eastern Illinois University
L 5-6	Eastern Illinois University
W 9-2	Wheaton College
W 11-2	Wheaton College
W 9-6	Robert Morris College
W 9-4	Robert Morris College
W 14-3	Western Illinois University
W 8-1	Western Illinois University
W 9-2	Marquette University
T 5-5	Marquette University
W 8-1	SIUE
P	SIUE
L 3-4	Northwestern University
W 6-2	Northwestern University
W 4-1	Bradley University
W 5-2	Bradley University
W 6-1	Loyola University
L 6-7	Loyola University
W 5-3	Missouri State University
W 4-3	Missouri State University
W 13-3	SIUE
W 12-3	MACHA Tournament-Marquette University
W 6-3	MACHA Tournament-Northwestern University
	P = Postponed

McKendree's hockey team had a fantastic year earning a record of 19-4. They also captured the MACHA Silver Division Tournament title for the second consecutive year. The team had a very talented line-up including junior goalie Mike Stier who was named the MACHA Silver Division Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Women's and Men's Bowling

Knockin' 'Em Down!

2008-2009 Women	
Hammer Midwest Classic	2nd of 29
Southern Illinois Elite Invite	2nd of 14
Boilermaker Classic	2nd of 14
Nat'l Collegiate Team Match Games	2nd of 27
Collegiate Shoot Out	3rd of 16
Las Vegas Invitational	1st of 18
Hoinke Classic	3rd of 22
Blue & Gold Classic	3rd of 15
McKendree Baker Challenge	3rd of 25
Hoosier Classic	5th of 28

2008-2009 Women's Bowling Team
Alphabetically: Suzanne Alvarado,Mary Bellus, Danielle Belobraydich, Brandi Branka, Miranda Brittin, Cassandra Criddle, Marcy Czarnecki, Rebekah Diers, Lori Hanken, Alyssa Jones, Lauren Jones, Dana Kamerman, Holly Karner, Amanda Lynch, Susy Monteith, Meagan Musgrave, Allie Payne, Melissa Purcell, Kayla Rothzen, Allison Schenck, Kendall Sims, Lori Sizemore, Elizabeth Snyder, Jessica Spires, Alicia Stricklin and Christina Young. Coach: Gary White.

2008-2009 Men's Bowling Team
Alphabetically: Matt Anastasia, T.J. Arnold, Zach Bathon, Dylan Brown, Gary Caniff, Clint Casteel, Martell Gamble, Justin Gamblin, Bred Gebben, Ron Giesin, Alen Henseler, Willie Jubiter, Derek Kindig, Matt Lanctot, Matt McKendree, J.R. Monteith, Donald Murray, Voncent Pastore, Chris Ray, Stephen Riley, Andrew Robert, Jason Schwartz, Ryan Smith, Jimmy Stenson, Daniel Strubel, Travis Sweney, Tom Urban, Evan VanScoyk, Richard VanScoyk and Jeremy Worden. Coach: Gary White.

2008-2009 Men	
7th of 22	Hammer Midwest Collegiate Classic
2nd of 29	Southern Illinois Elite Invite
1st of 28	Boilermaker Classic
15th of 36	Nat'l Collegiate Team Match Games
8th of 40	Collegiate Shoot Out
10th of 44	Las Vegas Invitational
2nd of 45	Hoinke Classic
3rd of 65	Blue & Gold Classic
13th of 40	McKendree Baker Challenge
1st of 52	Hoosier Classic

Wrestling

Taken 'Em Down and Pinning 'Em!

The Men's Wrestling team had a fantastic year. In the past, McKendree has been proud to have Bearcats qualify for Nationals, but never before has McKendree had two National Champions. This season, junior Bearcats Andrew Sanchez and Aaron Winning won individual National Championships at 197 pounds and 165 pounds, respectively. In addition to these two stellar performances, McKendree also had five other men earn All-American honors, including first-year student Kyle Williams, sophomore Wade Lowe, juniors Josh Bryant and Cedric Powell, and senior Dan Moore.

Not only did Coach James Kisgen lead the Bearcats to a third place national finish, but also the team boasted a high GPA. The team was ranked with the eighth highest GPA for all NAIA schools. Moreover, senior Tom Edwards, and first-year student Kyle Williams were honored as two members of the 2009 National Wrestling Coaches Association/NAIA All-Academic team.

2008-2009 Season

W	30-11	Campbellsville University
W	46-0	Hannibal-LaGrange College
W	43-5	Missouri Baptist University
L	18-24	Missouri Valley College
L	9-39	University of Illinois
L	6-39	University of Findley
W	40-3	NWCA Nat'l Duals Tournament-Morningside College
W	30-12	NWCA Nat'l Duals Tournament-University of Great Falls
L	13-33	NWCA Nat'l Duals Tournament-Southern Oregon
L	12-30	NWCA Nat'l Duals Tournament-Dickenson State University
W	23-12	Cumberland University
W	34-15	University of Indianapolis
L	17-24	Missouri Baptist University
W	36-12	SIUE

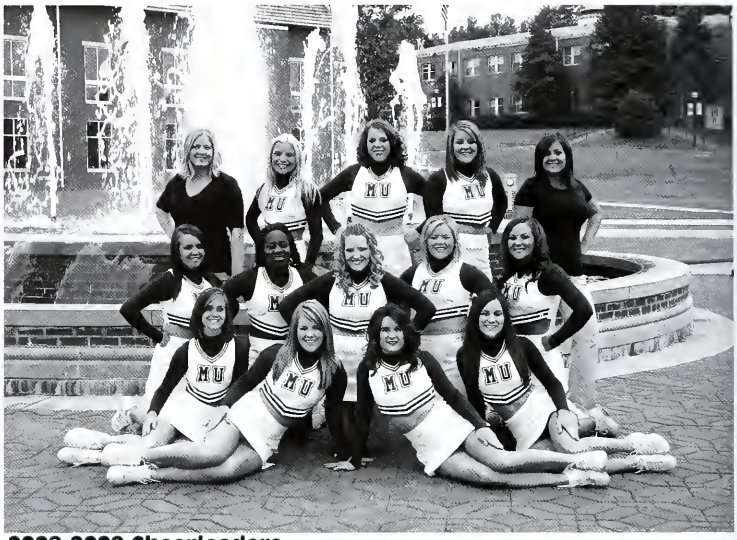
National Champ!
Junior, Andrew Sanchez shows his excitement after winning the national championship in the 197 lb class.

2008-2009 Wrestling Team
Alphabetically: Zak Adomanis, Arben Balazi, Andrew Barbier, Rickey Barnett Jr., Matt Beasley, Lawrence Brown, Josh Bryant, John Burns, Adrian Cerrillo, Andrew Cheesman, A.J. Ciccarelli, Andrew Davis, George Donovan, Tom Edwards, Jeremy Ellingwood, Dillon Guhrs, Ryan Guillett, Kevin Hawkins, Ryan Henning, Ryan Jahn, Mandela Johnson, Harry Joseph, Alex Kluge, Wade Lowe, Chas Maloch, Brian Markway, Scott McQuiston, Dan Moore, Tyler Orr, Cedric Powell, Scott Prause, Cody Presswood, Kyle Reid, Andrew Sanchez, Bryan Thatch, Jermaine Waye, Kyle Williams, Tim Willis, Aaron Winning, Tanner Wolk. Coaches: James Kisgen, Chad Willard, Kyle Jahn.

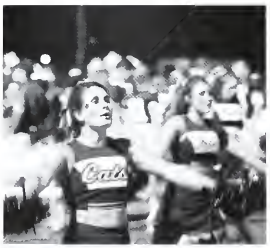
Cheerleading

We're Gonna Fire You Up!

Together
It takes teamwork to build this pyramid.



2008-2009 Cheerleaders
Front row: Brittany Huelsman, Nina Belden, Jessica Hunt and Melissa Klaus. Middle row: Ashley Schmitt, Clarissa Jennings, Christine Dutton, Ali Willoughby and Sam Hamlin. Back row: Coach Stephanie Koerber, Arielle Michael, Emily Colvin, Megan Timmermann and Coach Katie Landfried.



Let's Go Bearcats!
Jessica Hunt and Sam Hamlin get the crowd involved.

To some, a cheerleader is someone who makes noise at a game. To those who are cheerleaders, cheerleading is a way of life. Bearcat cheerleaders are athletes in every sense of the word. In addition to weekly practices this year, McKendree cheerleaders ran, lifted weights and practiced tumbling regularly. They cheered at home football games and men's and women's home basketball games as well as some away games. They also competed in skills competitions against other squads.

It's great to be a Bearcat!

Pregame Preparations
While the football team stretches and runs sprints to warm up, the cheerleaders hang upside down from the guard rail.

Dance Team

They Can Really Shake 'Em Down!

2008-2009 Dance Team
Front row: Lora Blackwell, Kamara Owens (Captain) and Amy Piland. Middle row: Kimberly Siddall and Maegan Hamilton. Back row: Alyssa Spano, Jordan Finch and Brianna Bernes. (Not pictured: Coach Meghan Tippy)

A "Thrill"ing dance
Brianna Berens and Kimberly Siddall bring the crowd to life as the team dances to Michael Jackson's infamous "Thriller".

She's got the groove!
The Bearcat Dance Team really knows how to cut a rug at the basketball games.

Shimmy, Shimmy, Shake!
The ladies strut their stuff on the catwalk while entertaining the crowd during half-time at the basketball game.

The McKendree Dance Team entertained us all year dancing to "Dancing Queen," "Thriller," and "A Cartoon Medley" during the fall semester and "Let's Get Loud" and "Kalabria" during the spring semester.

The girls put together some great moves for all the songs, but Michael Jackson's "Thriller" was definitely a highlight. Not only did the Dance Team perform during the song, but the entire band and color gaurd did as well!

Women's & Men's Cross Country

2008-2009 Season	Women's Results	Men's Results
Washington University	No Team Score	8th of 16
Eastern Illinois University	No Team Score	8th of 9
Southern Illinois University	No Team Score	6th of 7
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	No Team Score	13th of 16
Berry College	No Team Score	8th of 20
American Midwest Conference Championships		2nd of 4
NAIA National Championships	3rd of 5	

2008 - 2009 Cross Country Team

Alphabetically: Jeff Brown, Tom Crivellone, Darren Hooks, Mack Lewis, Garrett Lukens, Carlos Marin, Elias Melly, Mike Mendez, Mark Newman, Ricky Weber, Josh Wilhelm, Devin Williams and Ricardo Williams

The Women's and Men's Cross Country teams made McKendree proud this season. Both teams put forth an impressive and esteemable amount of effort. The women's team had four members and, therefore, were unable to post team scores. The individuals on the team did very well for themselves, however. Three first-year students: Jasmine Penny, KC Root and Airika Tyler and senior Sophy Yapsabila were the four energetic girls who comprised the women's team. In particular, at the AMC Championships, Yapsabila earned fourth place running 5K in 18:56:64 and Penny earned a ninth place finish with a time of 20:08:07.

There were 13 bearcats on the 2008-2009 men's cross country team this year. Everyone did a great job and worked hard to earn a second place finish at the AMC Championships this season. Ellias Melly, a student from Eldoret, Kenya, boasted a second place finish at the AMC race with a time of 26:25:90, earning himself entry into the National Championships were he placed fifty-fourth out of 331 runners and the Newcomer of the Year Award. In addition to Melly's accomplishments, first-year student Darren Hooks finished seventh and junior Michael Mendez finished sixth at the AMC Championships earning All-Conference Honors.

Women's and Men's Track and Field

2008-2009 Women's and Men's Track and Field Teams

Women

Alphabetically: Krystin Baker, Shelinda Brackett, Tonya Brown, Kristin Chism, Lanece Clarke, Kayla Fowler, Tamara Francis, Chynna Glasgow, Emily Hackstadt, Shilpa Hamilton, Ashley Harris, Sasha Joyce, Nadia Moore, Nicole Neal, Kyra Nicely, Tiara Pegues, Sara Petterson, Lauren Rickter, Niki Sipole, Kimberly Spencer, Airika Tyler, Nadia Ware, Emily Woodland.

Men

Alphabetically: Jordan Bishop, Travis Brave, Anthony Brown, Jeffery Brown, Tommy Gayfield, Steve Hammond, Jake Harris, Darren Hooks, Fifi Johnson, Joshua Katam, Carison Kemei, Jesse King, Elkana Kipsang, Michael Mendez, Jordan Perry, Brian Steele, Keron Thomas, Nick Thompson, Danial VanNatta, Josh Wilhelm, Devin Williams, Travis Winters.

She'll be comin' round the bend...
Lanece Clark places third in the 100 meter earning NAIA All-American Honors.

Power Burst!
Michael Mendez starts the 4x800 meter relay race for McKendree who finished in seventh place with an honorable time of 7:48:04.

They just keep going and going and going...
Left: Shelinda Brackett finishes in second overall in the 100 meter during the NAIA Final Championships.
Right: Carison Kemei wins the NAIA National Championships held in Edwardsville, Illionis.

Jack be nimble, jack be quick!
Junior Jesse King hurdles his way into second place in the 110 meter hurdles at the NAIA National Championships.

Women's Basketball

Another Slam Dunk Season!

2008-2009 Season

Park University	L	53-67
St. Xavier University	L	53-68
Lindenwood University	L	59-77
Mid American Nazarene University Tournament	W	73-65
Mid American Nazarene University Tournament	L	62-69
Milikin University	W	62-51
Culver-Stockton College	W	83-51
Brescia University	W	52-50
Maryville University	W	74-56
Olivet Nazarene University	W	107-93
Park University	W	62-45
Georgetown College	W	63-62
William Woods University	L	56-66
Missouri Baptist University	L	65-73
Harris-Stowe University	W	76-41
Columbia College	L	45-59
Hannibal-LaGrnge	W	82-72
Brescia University	W	69-59
Stephens College	W	70-57
U of I - Springfield	W	69-49
William Woods University	L	59-72
Missouri Baptist University	L	73-81
Haris-Stowe University	W	79-50
Columbia College	W	61-47
William Baptist College	L	61-72
Hannibal-LaGrange College	W	61-51
Stephens College	W	74-44
U of I - Springfield	L	60-62
AMC Quaterfinals- Missouri Baptist University	W	87-47
AMC Semifinals- Columbia College	W	74-61
AMC Championships- William Woods University	L	55-69

2008-2009 Women's Basketball Team
Numerically: Haley Klingelhoefer, Katie Fullerton, Kasie Frazier, Kelsey Park, Stephanie Harris, Ashley Agee, Katelin Wiegmann, Julie Garrison, Emily Weitekamp, Katie Kovarik, Amanda Schuring, Kelly Cordia, Kelli Lewis, Emily Woodland, Meghan O'Connell, Cathy Webb, Ashley Dressler, Emily Best. Coach: Melissa Ringhausen Student Coach: Leah Shan.

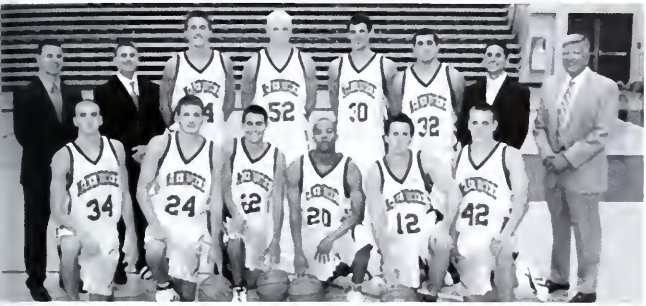
Offense!
Kelsey Park drives towards the basket to score another point against the NAIA number 14 seed, Columbia College. The Bearcats won 61-47.

Put it up!
Senior Emily Best attempts to score another basket for McKendree. Emily put 15 points up on the board for the Bearcats while playing against William Woods.

She shoots...she scores!
Sophomore Ashley Agee put up another shot scoring a total of 11 points for the Bearcats against Columbia College.

Men's Basketball

Coach Harry Statham Makes History, Again!



008-2009 Men's Basketball Team
lumerically: Eric Palm, Karrington Pettiford, Andy Wolff, ric Hobbie, Brad Copelin, Kyle Heckert, Ian Ridge, John uesler, Sean Rakers, Ken Detmer. Head Coach: Harry tatham, Assistant Coaches: Eric Echelbarger and Tim echerer, Student Assistant: Craig Cassidy

othin' but net!
enior Eric Palm takes a shot against arris-Stowe. Palm averaged 23 oints during the season series.

Slammin'!
First-year student Sean Rakers scores again for the Bearcats. Rakers put up 20 points in 20 minutes against Harris Stowe.

He does so much for us.
Coach Harry Statham guided his Bearcats to a 30-5 season and another trip to the national tournament. He made history once again by becomming the all-time leader in games coached at the collegiate level.

2008-2009 Season

W	99-79	Trinity University
W	80-72	Mid-Continent University
W	82-77	Lindenwood University
W	88-86	Ohio Dominican University
L	64-79	Park University
W	75-61	McKendree Classic
L	80-83	McKendree Classic
W	89-70	Mid Continent University
L	57-72	Benedictine College
W	75-63	Brescia University
L	79-80	Union Thanksgiving Classic
W	67-66	Union Thanksgiving Classic
W	78-76	Park University
W	78-75	Olivet Nazarene University
W	70-48	Concordia
W	63-59	Ohio Dominican University
W	74-69	William Woods University
W	80-72	Missouri Baptist University
W	76-62	Harris-Stowe University
W	68-65	Columbia College
W	84-68	William Baptist College
W	68-65	Hannibal LaGrange College
W	82-74	U of I - Springfield
W	66-46	William Woods University
W	76-56	MIssouri Baptist University
W	86-61	Harris-Stowe University
W	55-53	Columbia College
W	71-52	William Baptist College
W	77-64	Hannibal-LaGrange College
W	80-69	U of I - Springfield
W	79-50	AMC Quaterfinals- Harris-Stowe University
W	79-63	AMC Semifinals- Hannibal-LaGrange College
L	54-65	AMC Campionships- Columbia College

Women's Tennis

Serving It Up Again!

2008-2009 Season		
St. Louis University	L	0-6
Missouri Baptist University	W	5-2
U of I - Springfield	W	5-4
U of M - Missouri		Rain
Graceland University	L	1-8
Evangel University	L	3-6
Missouri Baptist University	W	6-3
Olivet Nazarene University	L	3-4
William Jewell College	L	1-8
U of I - Springfield	L	0-6
Lindenwood University	L	4-5

2008-2009 Women's Tennis
Coach Christy Josias, Emily Cimarolli, Erin Thoman, Jenny Mennerick, Lauren Szakielo, and Allison Holloway

Smile!
Erin Thoman and Jenny Mennerick pause between matches for a quick photo.

The 2008-2009 tennis season proved to be an exciting one. In the fall of 2008, the doubles team of Jenny Mennerick and Erin Thoman placed first at the ITA Regional Tournament. This finish guaranteed a placement in the ITA Doubles National Tournament in Mobile, Alabama. At the national tournament, the doubles team placed seventh in the NAIA division. Starting the spring season, the girls team tried to maintain a strong standing in the conference. Newcomers Emily Cimarolli and Alison Holloway were a great asset to the team. However, with only 5 players this season, the team had to work extra hard. The team finished the season with a record of 3-7.

Takin' home the gold
The ladies pose with their hard earned awards after a long day on the courts.

Men's Tennis

Game, Set, Match

2008-2009 Season		
Missouri Baptist Univeristy	W	8-1
U of I - Springfield	W	7-2
U of M - St. Louis	W	5-4
Brescia University	W	8-1
Lake Land College	W	8-1
Graceland University	L	0-9
Vincennes University	L	1-8
Missouri Baptist University	W	8-1
SIUE	L	2-7
Olivet Nazarene University	L	3-6
William Jewell College	W	5-4
Lindenwood University	L	2-7

In Rememberance

Men's Tennis Coach, William Rusick, passed away this October 17,2008 after a two year battle with cancer. Bill was a tennis professional with many accomplishments on his record. McKendree was glad to welcome him into the family in 2002 as the women's tennis coach, and the following year as the men's tennis coach. Coach Rusick's friendly demenor and 30 years of instructor experience will be greatly missed by the McKendree community

2008-2009 Men's Tennis Team

Douglas Mennerick, Davi Venditto, Chris McMillin, Paulo Goncalves, Daniel Gonzalez, Evgeniy Nigmatyanov and Patrick Rosa.

With a record of 7-5, the Men's Tennis team served up another good year. The Bearcats played hard all summer, but the season came to an end on April 20 with a dual match loss of 8-5 at the American Midwest Conference/TranSouth Conference NAIA Unaffiliated Tournament in Springfield, IL. In addition to the matches shown on the scoreboard, the team also earned an outstanding second place finish in the Hack Kellner Invitational held in Springfield, IL. All in all, it was a successful year for the young team, which included four first-year students, one sophomore and one junior.

Softball

Another Home Run Season

2008-2009 Season

Martin Methodist College	L 4-9
Freed-Hardeman University	W 3-1
University of Virginia	L 0-1
William Jewell College	L 0-9
College of St. Mary	W 7-6
Midland Lutheran College	W 3-0
William Baptist College	L 0-5
Dordt College	W 12-5
Oklahoma Baptist University	W 3-2
Missouri Baptist University	W 3-2
Peru State College	W 4-0
Calumet College	W 3-0
St. Mary's of Leavenworth	W 13-1
Graceland University	W 5-1
Roger's State University	W 2-1
St. Gregory's	L 0-8
Lindenwood University	L 0-2
William Woods University	W 4-2
Columbia College	L 1-6
Robert Morris College	L 1-2
Spakling University	W 2-1
U of I - Springfield	W 1-0
Hannibal-LaGrange College	W 1-0
St. Xavier University	L 4-8
Calumet College	W 6-1
Stephens College	W 4-0
Harris-Stowe University	W 6-0
Missouri Baptist University	L 0-3
Hannibal-LaGrange College	W 7-6
Harris-Stowe University	W 5-2
Missouri Baptist University	W 5-0
William Woods University	W 9-6
Columbia College	W 3-0
Columbia College	W 7-4

Wind up...
Junior pitcher Amy Quirin gets settled on the mound, ready to take on the Lindenwood lineup.

The McKendree Bearcat Softball team finished off the 2008-2009 season with a record of 30-17. Not only did the girls perform well out on the field but also there were six players who were honored as Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes. To receive such an honor players must be nominated by a coach, have reached Junior status and maintain a GPA of 3.5 or a 4.0 scale. The six honored ladies included seniors Amber Nikolauzyk and Angie Maue and juniors Christine Juehne, Lindsay Newbold, Amanda Snyder and Katie Ward.

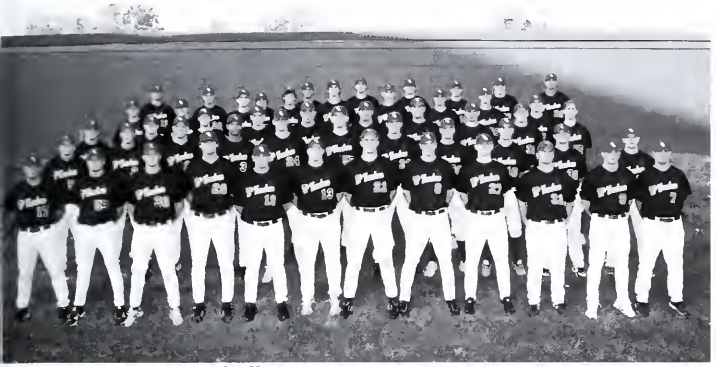
Up to bat
Senior Kayla White leads the batting line-up at the bottom of the first against William Woods.

Let's take two!
Junior Shortstop Amanda Snyder prepares for a double-play.

2008-2009 Softball Team
Numerically: Amber Nikolauzyk, Jamie Corbier, Christine Juehne, Taylee Spicuzza, Casey White, Amy Quirin, Autumn Allen, Liz Dains, Kayla White, Natalee Rujawitz, Amanda Snyder, Ashley Agee, Katie Ward, Cathy Webb, Cassandra Brown, Lindsay Newbold, Angi Maue, Lindsay McGuire, Nicole Ostertag, Coach: Evelyn Bean.

Baseball

Stepping Up To The Plate



2008-2009 Men's Baseball Team
Numerically: Order: Brandyn Snider, Adam Davinroy, Warren Millitello, Kyle Derry, Brynnen Smith, Tyler Muren, Cole Schrage, Ross Willman, Brandon Holtmann, Bryce Frieden, Craig Session, Ryan Uhe, Shane McBride, Mark Daniels, Dusty Schallenberg, Derek Goetzl, Kyle Moll, Calvin O'Rear, Joe Dickman, Nolan Martz, Kory Peppenhorst, Cale Johnson, Joey Ullery, Tyson Moore, Luke Poston, Brad Dunnigan, Tom Rose, Eric Gentz, Dakota Schutt, Cody Odum, Ryan Meyer, Josh Lusch, Ryan Ohnesorge, Ryan Weber, Ricky Weber, Tommy Young, Alex Young, Eric Romani, Andrew Sparks, Jim Schulte, Chad Ohnesorge, Sam Hodges, Mark Chapman, Josh Rathmann, Mark Cokel, Bryan Tebbe and Zach Miller. Head Coach: Jim Boehne Assistant Coaches: Brad Oster and Dusty Kantner.

This year's McKendree Bearcat team finished with a record of 37-21-2. The season came to an end on May 14 with a loss to Texas Weslyan University at the NAIA World Series. Two Seniors were signed into the MLB. Cale Johnson was signed on with the St. Louis Cardinals and Nolan Martz signed with the Baltimore Orioles.

2008-2009 Season

Union Unversity	L 1-7
Berry College	L 2-4
Belhaven College	L 1-2
Greenville College	W 10-7
Missouri Valley College	W 3-2
Central Christian College	W 8-3
Lambuth University	L 5-6
St. Xavier University	W 3-1
Benedictine College	W 8-3
Bethel College	W 5-4
Lindenwood University	W 17-13
Missouri Baptist University	W 13-3
St. Ambrose Unversity	L 8-11
Harris-Stowe Unversity	W 8-4
Washington University	W 7-5
Union University	W 7-1
William Baptist University	L 2-5
Bethel College	W 9-3
Hannibal-LaGrange University	W 15-0
William Woods University	W 6-3
Missouri S & T University	T 9-9

Here's the pitch! Senior Brandon Holtmann delivers a pitch in a game against Harris-Stowe.

Tough as Nails Sophomore catcher Kyle Moll tries to get on base. In this game against St. Ambrose he hit two home runs and drove in five runs, helping the Bearcats to a 16-13 win.

Scoopin up another easy play. Senior third baseman Tom Rose is in position to throw out the hitter.

Women's and Men's Golf

Swinging Through Another Season!

2008-2009 Women's Season	
Piedmont College	Third
Gateway Tournament	Sixth
Maryville Invite	Second
Illinois College	Sixth
McKendree Invite	Ninth
AMC Tournament	Third

2008-2009 Men's Season	
Evangel Invite	4th of 8
William Woods Invite	4th of 11
Millikan University	6th of 23
AMC Championships	3rd of 6

The women's team earned a second place finish at the Maryville University Spring Invitational. In addition, the lady Bearcats were recognized by the NAIA as the 2009 recipient of the NAIA-Buffalo Funds Five-Star Champions of Character Team Award winner. McKendree was nominated and chosen for this reward by respective coaches based on their display of character and sportsmanship on the field, campus, and within their communities.

The men's team's highest placement was a third place finish during the season closing AMC Championships. Notably, juniors Justin Mueller and Jordan Schwankhaus were both recognized with all-conference honors. Mueller finished second overall with 212 strokes at the AMC Championships, Schwankhaus finished not too far behind with 216 strokes, finishing in eighth place overall.

2008-2009 Women's Golf Team

Alphabetically: Cassie Barger, Katie Eilers, Miranda Gibson, Stephanie Harris, Bethany Hinkle, Brittany Kellerman, Brooke Lobb, Dana Martizsus, Renee Ryterski, Kate Schellinger, Jessica Smith and Hayley Zugmaier.

2008-2009 Men's Golf Team

Alphabetic: John Barrow, Ryan Bennett, Kris Boyd, Dillon Brasher, Chris Ervin, Richard Francis, Stephen Hamilton, John Kabbes, Alex Marsaglia, Justin Mueller, Travis Oglesby, Zachary Peters, Jordan Schwankhaus, Ryan Spicer, Mike Wagner and Andrew Williams.

Color & Winter Gaurd

Impressive Expression!

Precision
Tonya Schartung and Sarah Milam concentrate on their routine as they march in the Homecoming Parade.

Thriller Tribute
Amy Pilam, Brianna Berens, Maegan Hamilton of the Dance Team and Sarah Milam of the Color Gaurd Combine talents in the half time show during the football season.

Another job well done
Megan Smith, Tinah Edwards, and Tonya Schartung stand at attention while the national anthem is played before a football game.

Portraits

A portrait is the capture of an instant moment in time of a particular person. Each person is unique with qualities and features which distinguish him or her from all other people. In this section, you will find the names and photos of friends and classmates, and you will likely come across names and faces you have never seen before. Despite the different exterior appearance, we all share a common bond. Everyone in this section is a Bearcat!

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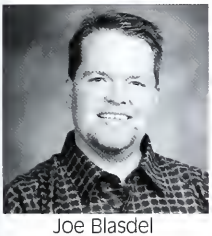
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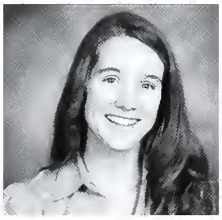
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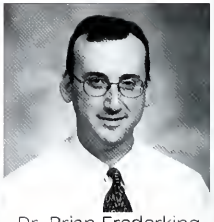
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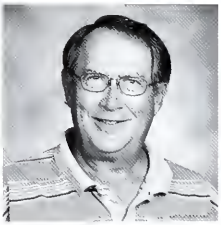
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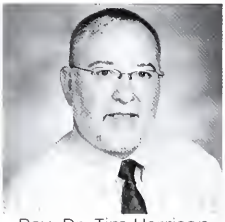
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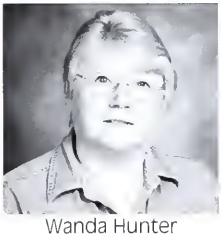
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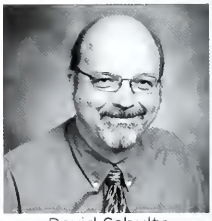
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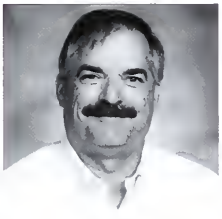
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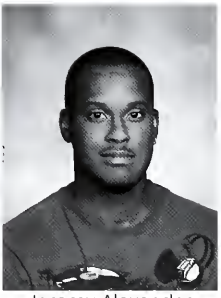
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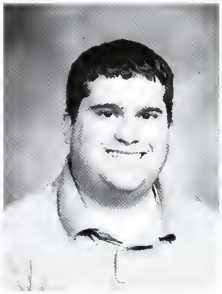
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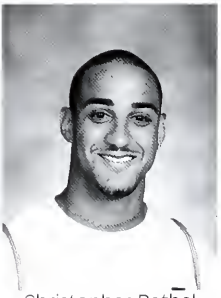
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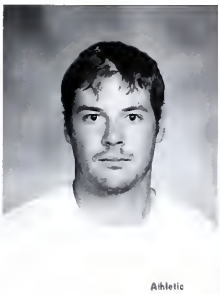
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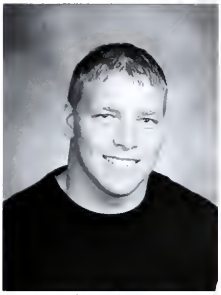
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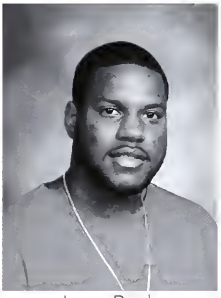
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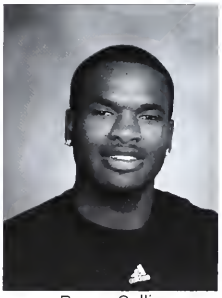
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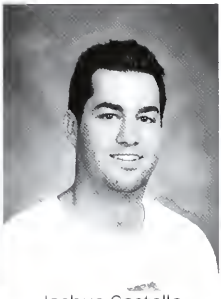
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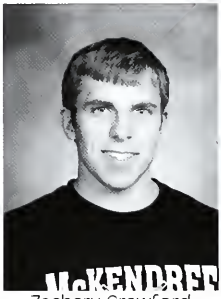
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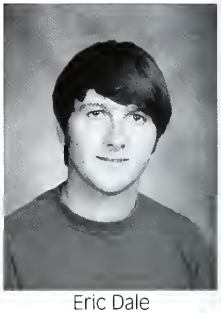
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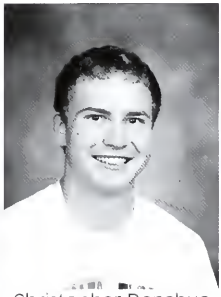
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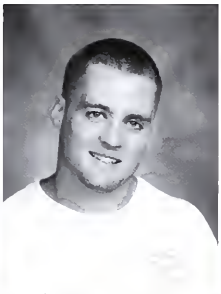
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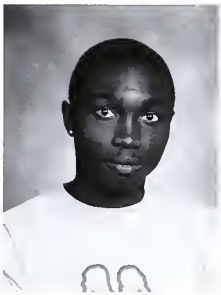
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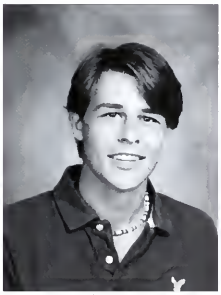
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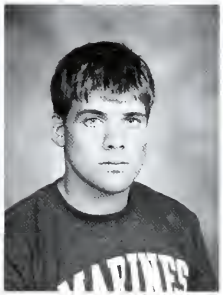
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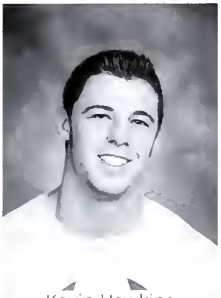
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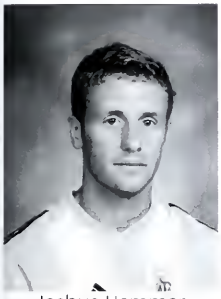
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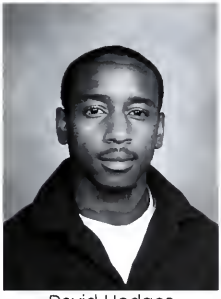
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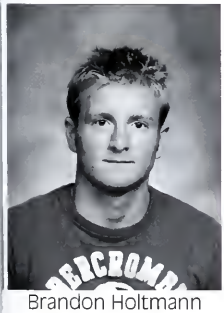
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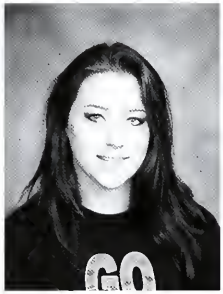
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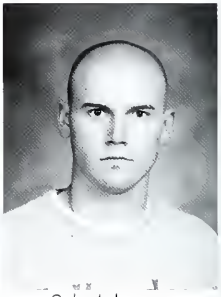
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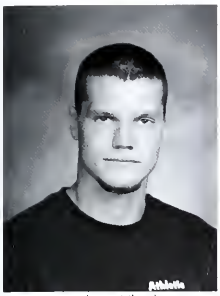
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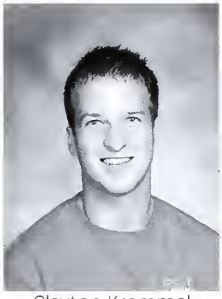
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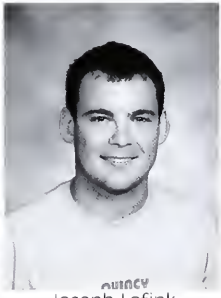
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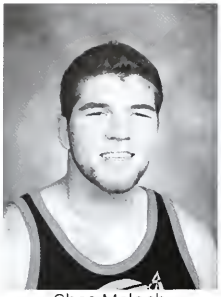
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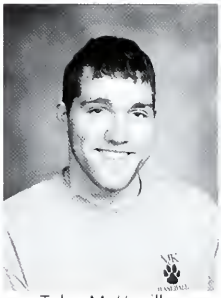
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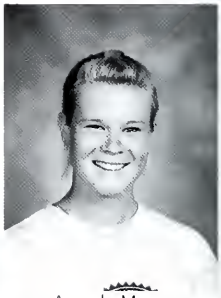
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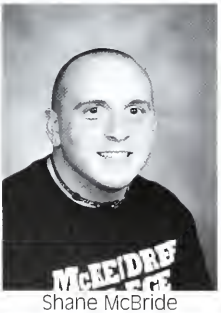
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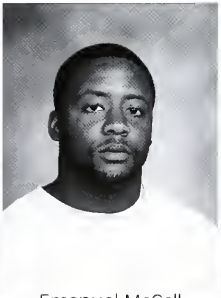
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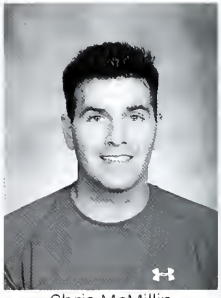
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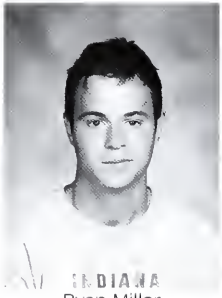

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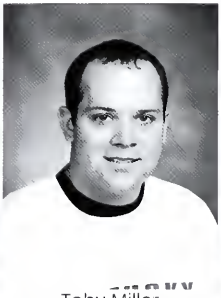
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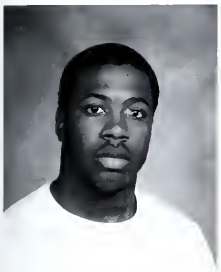
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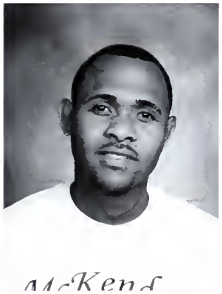
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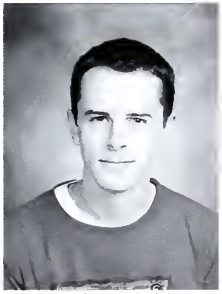
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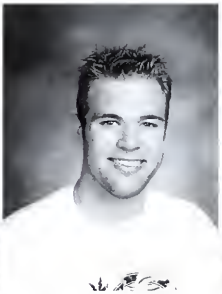
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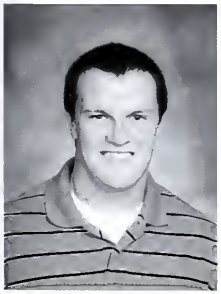
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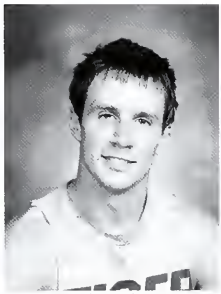
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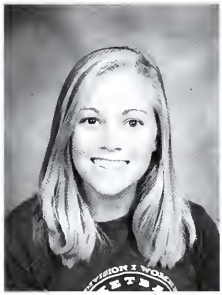
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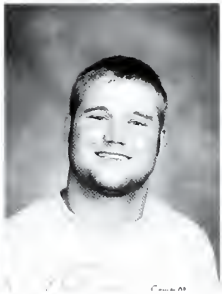
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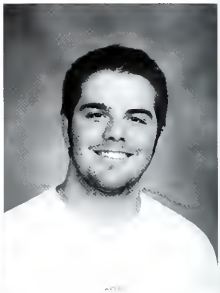
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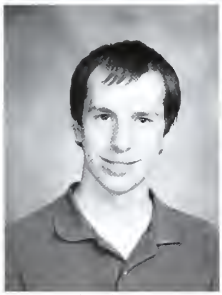
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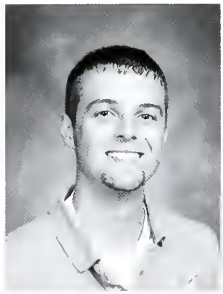
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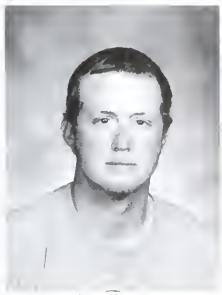
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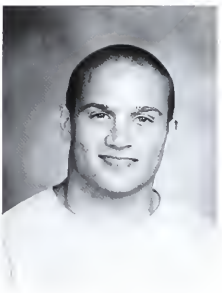
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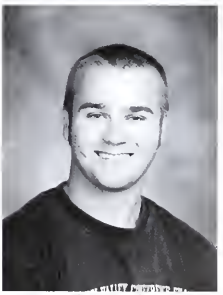
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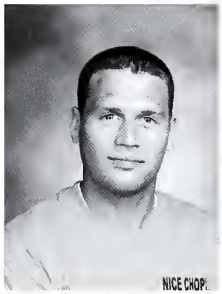
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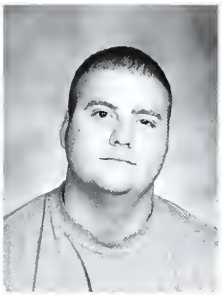
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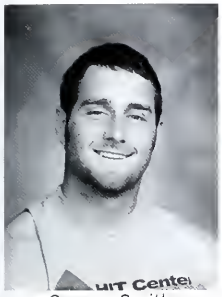
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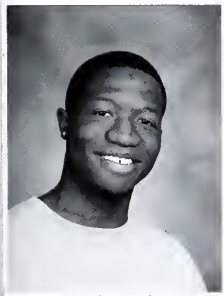
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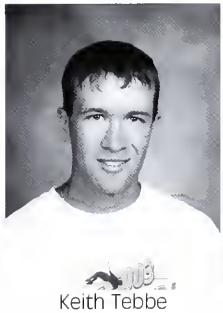
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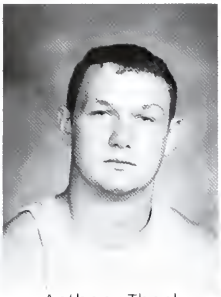
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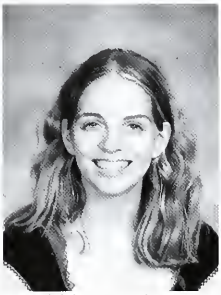
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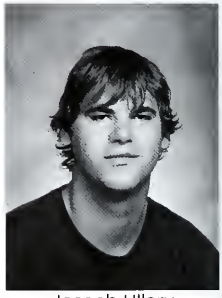
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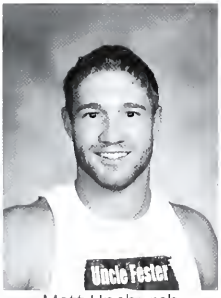

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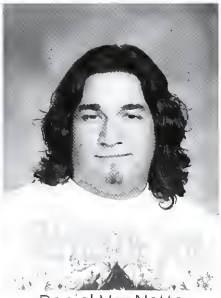
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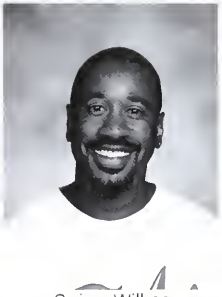
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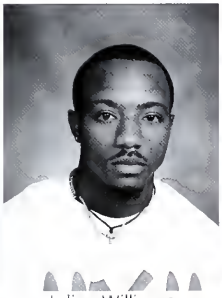
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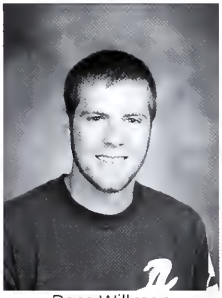
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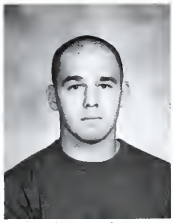
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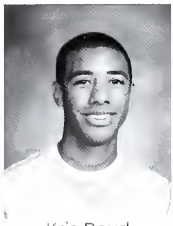
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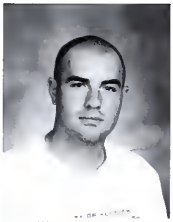
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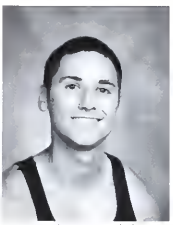
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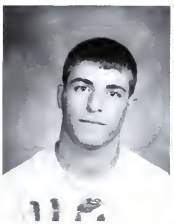
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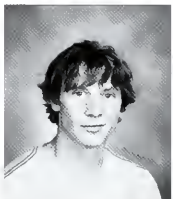
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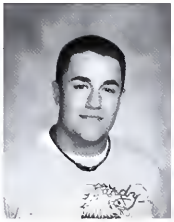
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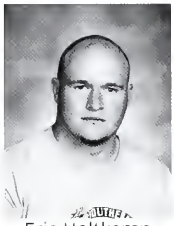
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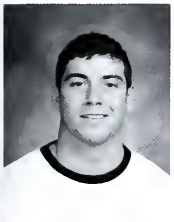
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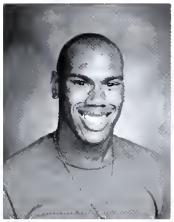
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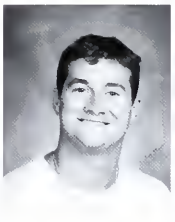
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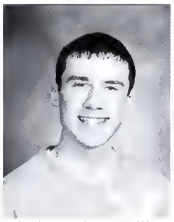
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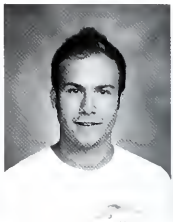
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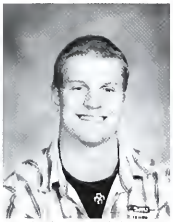
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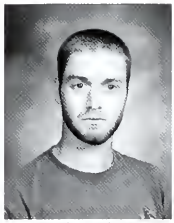
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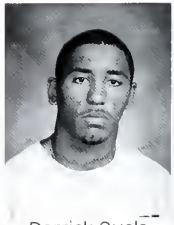
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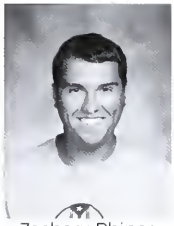
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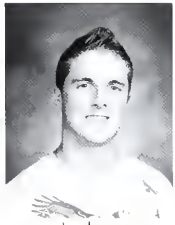
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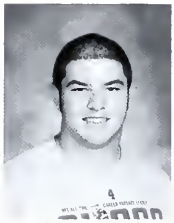
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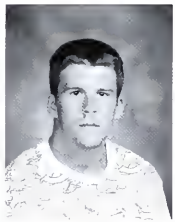
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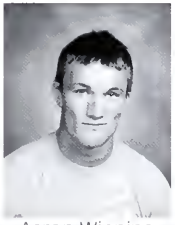
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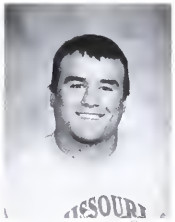
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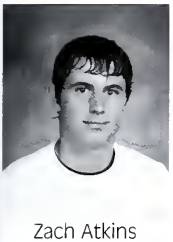
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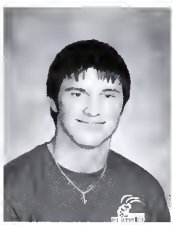
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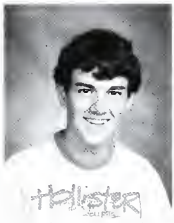
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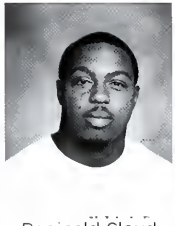
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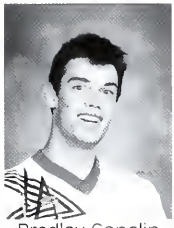
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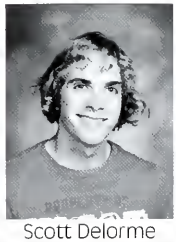
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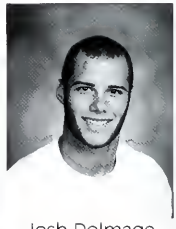
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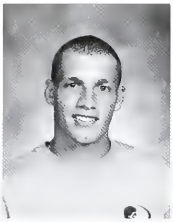
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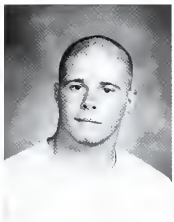
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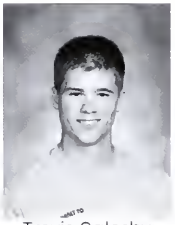
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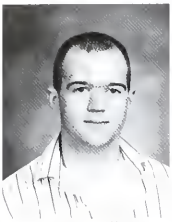
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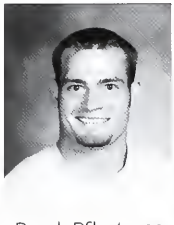
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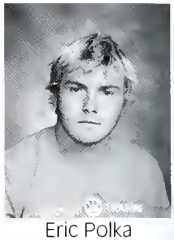
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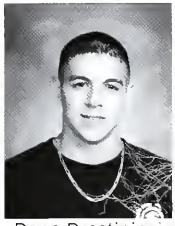
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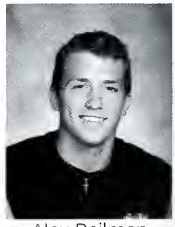
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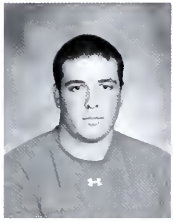
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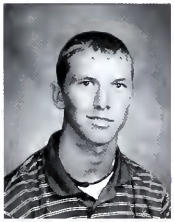
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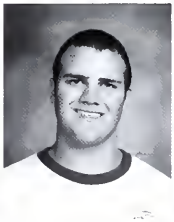
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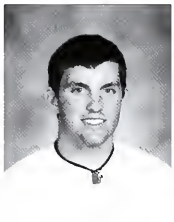
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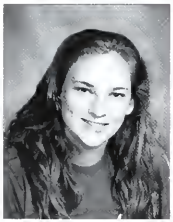
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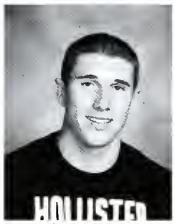

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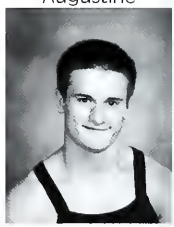
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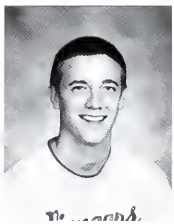
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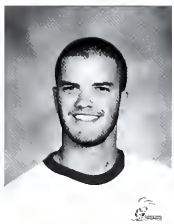
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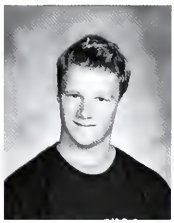
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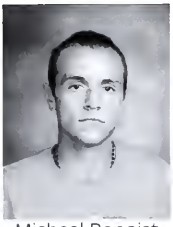
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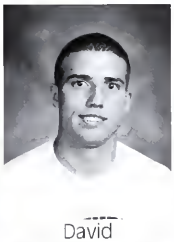
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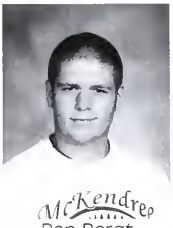
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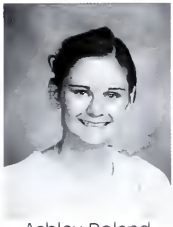
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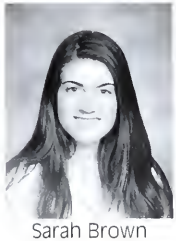
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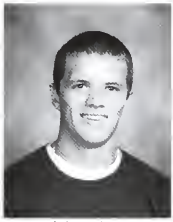
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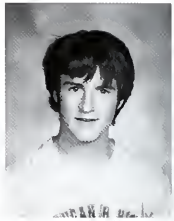
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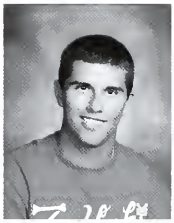
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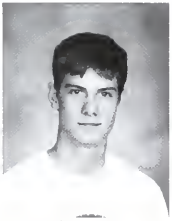
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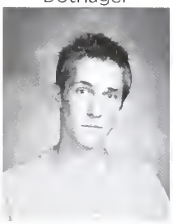
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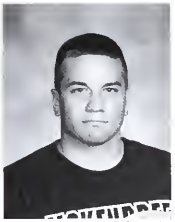
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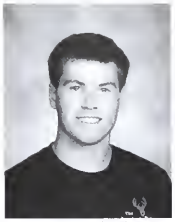
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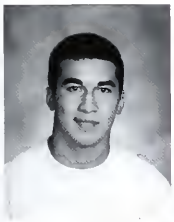
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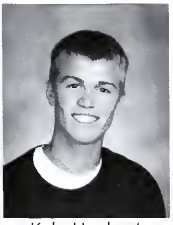
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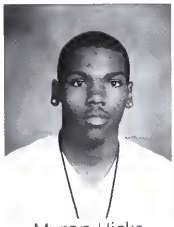
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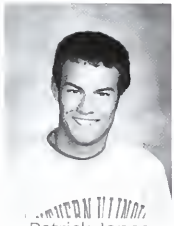
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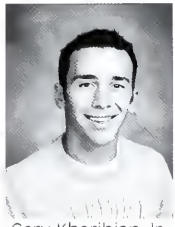
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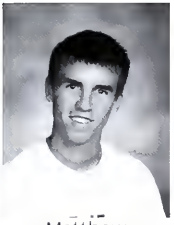
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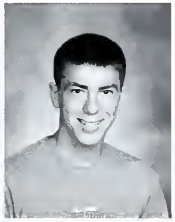
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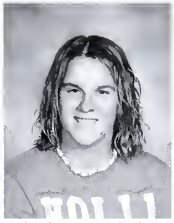
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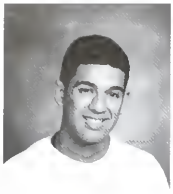
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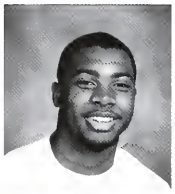
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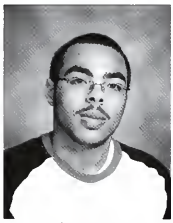
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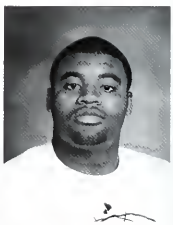
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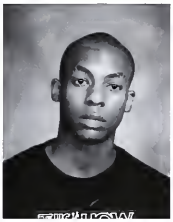
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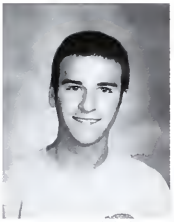
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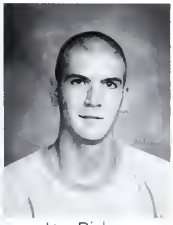
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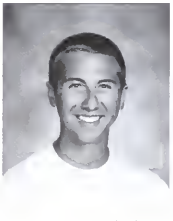
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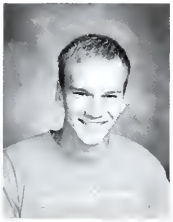
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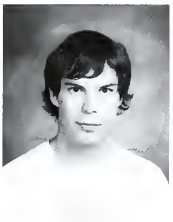
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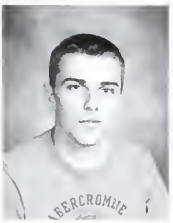
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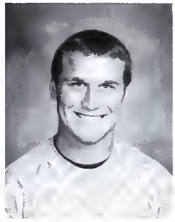
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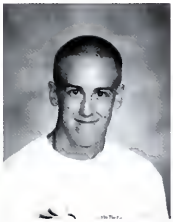
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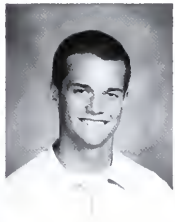
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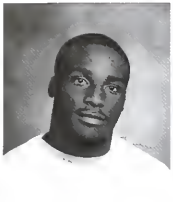
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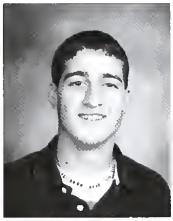
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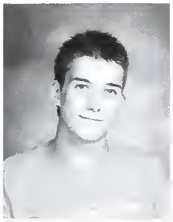
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Finding a bit of

"Inspiration"

on campus...

McKendree University has a new big man on campus. *The Inspiration*, a classic bronze male statue by St. Louis sculptor Julianne Meder Sesti, expresses a moment of sudden enlightenment. It was installed on June 12, 2009 atop a plinth in front of the Hettenhausen Center for the Arts. Inspired by *The Thinker*, French artist Auguste Rodin's icon of intellect, Sesti said she sought to portray the goal of education. Sitting upon a stack of three books described by the artist as the foundation of education, his facial expression, body language and hand held aloft convey an "a-ha! moment", an idea sparked by contemplation.

In Remembrance

This past year, the McKendree community lost two fine students. On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of McKendree University, the McKendrean Yearbook Staff would like to send out our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Daniel and Blake. May you find peace, comfort, and strength.

Student...
Teammate...
Friend...
Never Forgotten

Daniel Rivera
1987-2008

Blake Thole
1987-2009

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.
-Traditional Irish Blessing

Year in Review

The 2008-2009 school year brought about a lot of changes, both at McKendree and on the national and state levels. From the construction and opening of 1828 to the historic election of Barack Obama, this will put the year in review and highlight some of the biggest events of the 2008-2009 school year.

McKendree

McKendree certainly hosted many changes and achievements in this school year. The transformation of Upper Deneen to the University's bookstore allowed for the expansion of University merchandize, while the Lair Snack Bar was closed and replaced by McKendree's new café, named 1828 after the year McKendree was established. Featuring a bigger space for student relaxation and studying and a wider menu selection, 1828 inhabits what used to be Pearsons Hall.

In addition to the new developments, the university received a great deal of recognition and awards. McKendree moved from eighteenth to thirteenth place on U.S. News & World Report's 2009 edition of Americas Best Colleges in the Baccalaureate category's Midwest region. McKendree was also one of 225 colleges featured in the Center for Student Opportunity's yearly College Access & Opportunity Guide, which selects colleges based on the programs and opportunities it [the college] presents for first-generation, low-income and minority college-bound students in three categories [access, opportunity and success]. McKendree also welcomed its third largest first-year class in its 180-year history, reaching an undergraduate enrollment of 1,270 on the Lebanon campus for the fall 2008 semester. New professors were welcomed in and a slew of new programs and organizations debuted during the year, including the Chess Club, Running Club, Green Team (environmental organization), Show Choir, McK-4-OA (McKendree for Oxfam America), Art Club and a new community service program at Spencer Animal Shelter in O'Fallon.

McKendree's faculty, staff and students also received an impressive collection of accolades. Senior Becky Lindstrom was honored at the Old State Capitol in Springfield as McKendree's Lincoln Laureate, the recipient of which is selected annually by faculty and should demonstrate excellence in both curricular and co-curricular activities. At a Rotary District Conference, McKendree's Rotaract chapter received a Presidential Citation from Rotary International for their community service commitments and activities. Mathematics professor Dr. Alan Alewine was one of approximately 100 St. Louis area educators to receive the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award and the Center for Public Service was placed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary community service for a third consecutive year. Sociology professor Dr. Neil Quisenberry and Senior Sarah Darnold accepted McKendree's Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award and Senior Cari Adams received the Outstanding Marketing Student Award for McKendree. At the Illinois State Leadership Conference, McKendree's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), a national business organization, won 29 awards and had twelve members qualify to compete at the PBL National Leadership Conference. The Debate Team also excelled, earning third place and eleven awards at William Jewell College, first place in team sweepstakes and 25 awards at the University of Central Missouri, first place in team sweep-stakes and eleven awards at Webster University and second place and six awards at Webster University. The team also hosted nine colleges during McKendree's first intercollegiate tournament named the Richard Hunsaker Invitational Debate Tournament for Dr. Hunsaker, who re-established McKendree's debate and individual events team in 1995 and coached them until his retirement in 2003.

Junior Katie Richter and Senior Jeremy Alexander were named Homecoming Queen and King and Kayla Fowler was named McKendree Idol while Ashley Dressler won the Highest Donation Award at McKendree Idol 2009, where over $1100 was raised for breast cancer research. Clearly, it was a successful and exciting year for McKendree faculty,

students and organizations alike.

McKendree's sports teams had an impressive year as well. With an overall record of 30-6, the men's basketball team was the AMC regular-season champion with a perfect 14-0 record and reached the NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship for the third consecutive year and the 13th time overall. Men's cross-country placed second and women's cross-country took third at the American Midwest Conference Championship Meet. Sophomore Elias Melly placed 54th overall and second out of 331 among American Midwest Conference runners at the NAIA Men's Cross Country National Championship. Men's hockey won its second consecutive MACHA Silver Division Tournament championship and posted a season record of 19-5, while men's soccer finished with a record of 14-4-2, won the regular season AMC championship and reached the AMC tournament championship game. Men's wrestling went 35-5 for the season and placed third at the 2009 NAIA Wrestling National Championships, with Juniors Andrew Sanchez and Aaron Winning earning individual National Championships. Women's bowling competed at the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championship, earning its second top-four finish at the national event in three years and ending the season with a top-five finish in every event the team entered in 2008-09. Achieving a new school record with 19 wins, women's soccer finished 19-2-1 and advanced to the second round of the NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship before ending what McKendree's website called the "winningest season in program history" with a loss to top-seeded Lindsey Wilson College. McKendree appears set to earn more awards as the softball, baseball, golf, tennis and track and field teams wrap up their seasons in the next few weeks.

Entertainment

The 2008-2009 school year also brought some major milestones in the entertainment industry. Movies based on novels scored big this year, particularly the much-anticipated *Twilight* movie based on Stephanie Meyer's popular novel of the same name, John Grogan's novel *Marley and Me*, Alan Moore's graphic novel *Watchmen* and the star-studded version of Greg Behrendt's popular self-help book *He's Just Not That Into You*.

Politics

On Nov. 4, 2008, U.S. voters put an end to the longest presidential campaign season in U.S. history (21 months, according to CNN.com) by electing Illinois Senator Barack Obama the 44th President of the United States and Delaware Senator Joseph Biden Vice-President. America's first African-American President, Obama was sworn in on Jan. 20, 2009 by Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr. in front of a crowd of over 240,000 lucky ticket-holders on the steps of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. Obama's Inauguration boasted the largest attendance of any event in the history of Washington, D.C., according to the official U.S. Presidential Inauguration website. Honorable mentions, of course, go to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin and New York Senator Hillary Clinton for their work breaking the glass ceiling and Palin's nomination as the first female Republican Vice-Presidential candidate.

While the election and Inauguration of Barack Obama cast Illinois in a positive light, Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich's attempt to sell or trade Barack Obama's Senate seat and subsequent impeachment and removal from office created more negative political waves. Blagojevich was indicted with 16 felonies and became the first Illinois governor to be impeached when the Illinois house voted 114-1 in favor of his impeachment.

The 2008-2009 school year included both success and failure, happiness and tears, triumphs and trials. The writers and editors at the McKendree Review feel privileged to have been able to inform you and guide you through both good times and bad.

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From the Editor's Pen...

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Dear McKendree Community of the Past, Present, and Future:

I consider it an honor to have worked as the editor of this yearbook, but there is no way I could have done it alone. Despite busier than usual schedules and growing responsibilities, with the help of Gretchen Ulferts, Jeff Campbell, Michele Erschen, and Rachel Doyle, the yearbook came together under the theme of "Connection" focusing on the importance of making connections in every aspect of life as a student. I cannot send out enough thanks to these individuals along with the countless other members of the McKendree community who donated their time and talents as writers, photographers, and helping hands which made the 2008-2009 McKendrean yearbook come to life.

Looking back at my time on the yearbook staff at McKendree brings about a somewhat bittersweet feeling, as the endings of good things often do. As I write this note, the work on the 2008-2009 McKendrean Yearbook comes to a close, and so does my time as a McKendree undergraduate student. However, my connection with this institution does not end here. The things I have learned, the relationships I have made, and the campus I have come to love will not be soon forgotten.

I have had the unique privilege of seeing McKendree undergo some huge changes from the time I came as a first-year student: The Hettenhausen Center for the Arts opened; McKendree College became McKendree University; new Masters programs surfaced; the bookstore moved, and 1828 café was born. All throughout this time, I have undergone changes too. My experiences at McKendree have helped shape the person I am, and these experiences will still play a part in my life as I continue to learn and grow. The opportunity to participate in clubs, service activities, and cultural exchanges has given me a new perspective, a new appreciation, and a new zest for life and what the world has to offer... and what I have to offer the world. It is my hope that every Bearcat realizes his or her responsibility to give back to McKendree, the school that gave us all so much, and to give back to the community at all levels.

Whether you read this hot off the press in August 2009 during check-in as you wait in line to get your photograph taken for next year's publication or whether you pick up a copy of this yearbook at the Alumni House or Holman Library years from 2009, I hope you can find some type of connection to McKendree, both then and now. After all, learning, love, and life are all about making connections, both big and small.

I hope the University continues to evolve, and I hope the yearbook does as well. Though some consider a college yearbook to be expendable, I would prefer to look at it as vital to the legacy of the University and those who inhabit its grounds both in the present and in the future. Here at the McKendree yearbook staff, we record the memories of tomorrow. We are thankful for the past, proud of the present, and hopeful for the future of our lives and of McKendree University as we realize these three elements of time are all, undoubtedly, interconnected.

As you paged through the book, what connections did you make? I challenge you, reader, to go out and connect the dots from your past, to the present, and to your future. Take on the world, do your best, and don't ever forget where good old McK falls in your constellation of life, whether it is in the past, present, future, or a combination of all three.

Sincerely,

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